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YOUNG RINGERS' OPPORTUNITIES.

It is not a bad thing when we find youth criticising youth for failing to take its fair share in the concerns of ringing. One of the characteristic, and interesting, features of ' reports ' presented to members of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has been the frank comments of those responsible. There is never any attempt to make things look better than they are in the affairs of the Guild; on the contrary it is apparently felt that a little frank speaking is likely to shake into thought those who prefer to let others do the work while they sit back and grumble; or, if they are of the easy going type, imagine that all is for the best in best of all possible worlds. At different times the clergy and the lethargic or dissatisfied members have come under the lash. We are not sure that it has much effect, but it is better than leading the members either into further somnolence or to believe that all the grievances of those who have any are justified while they make no effort to remedy them. There are folks of this type in all associations—some who are content to let things drift; others who complain; but none of them apparently prepared to do anything by way of helping to improve matters. Probably if they did they would find that the task is not so easy as they imagine.

The criticism which was offered at the Guildford Guild meeting to which we refer was made by the Farnham District Secretary. He is himself among the ' youth ' of the Guild, and as one who ungrudgingly puts more time and energy into ringing for the benefit of others than perhaps any other member of the Guild, is fully justified in offering criticism. He complains that some young ringers do not take advantage of the opportunities that are offered them, and points out that it is their duty to do everything they can to maintain the high standard reached by many older ringers and not to leave the latter to do all the irksome tasks necessary in running a belfry. If they have faults to find they should help to improve matters; not absent themselves from the belfry and grumble outside about what should be done.

This is very sound advice. A fortnight ago we pleaded the cause of the young ringers with the older members of the Exercise. The report to which we now refer provides the opportunity of pleading the cause of young ringers with themselves. Associations, by their frequent meetings, provide many opportunities for ' young ' ringers of all ages, and if the latter do not take advantage of the facilities they then have little cause for complaint. They should recollect that those ringers whose skill they see exercised in the belfry were once beginners like themselves and very few men have reached the top of the tree who have waited for the opportunities

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to be made for them. Those who have been most successful have been those who have endeavoured to help themselves. The older men, as a rule, are ready to assist any youngster who shows a determination to get on, although we know there are towers where the so-called leader has very little patience with or interest in a beginner, and his chief object is to impress others with his own exalted status. Even if there seems to be little of encouragement in his own tower, however, the youngster should not neglect his opportunities in any other direction that offers itself and should not be shy to accept office or responsibility if it comes his way. If he has ideas let him ventilate them—others will probably welcome them. His own shoulder must go to the wheel if he wants progress.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEIRN	7
JOHN FREEMAN	2	*JACK L. MILLHOUSE	8
GEORGE FLINTHAM	3	*WALTER TOMLINSON	9
FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	4	JOHN WALDEN	10
LEWIS SNELL	5	JOHN A. FREEMAN	11
HERBERT LOWMAN	6	ARTHUR H. A. MARCON	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal on twelve bells. H. Marcon has now 'circled' the tower.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

FRANK R. L. BLEWER ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST W. FURBANK	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	RAYMOND G. COUSIN	6
ERNEST J. KING	3	JACK A. WAUGH	7
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ...	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS W. TAFFENDER.

CAMPSALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

JOHN H. LENTON	...*Treble*	ALBERT J. STRANGWARD ...	5
HERBERT WALKER	2	THOMAS HOLDER	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	HARRY C. WALTERS	7
HORACE FOX	4	FRED NEWTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. LENTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the sixth.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

COLIN A. HOPPER	...Treble	HARRY HOSKINS	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	*DEREK M. SHARP	6
ARTHUR S. RICHARDSON	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	4	EDWIN BARNETT	...Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.
* First peal in the method.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. JOHN H. CRAMPION	...Treble	JAMES CHALK	5
CHARLES A. HUGHES	2	ALFRED PRIOR	6
*ALBERT G. PETTY	3	JOHN H. CRAMPION	7
†C. RONALD SMITH	4	EDWARD D. SMITH	...Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN H. CRAMPION.
* First peal. † First peal of Major.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

JABEZ WALTER	...Treble	JOHN SHARP	5
FREDERICK G. BRETT	2	JOHN W. UNWIN	6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	3	EDWARD E. TRENDELL	7
*PERCY W. SMITH	4	BERTRAM J. LUCK	...Tenor

Conducted by E. E. TRENDELL.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*GEOFFREY HARRISON	...Treble	WILLIAM SMITH	5
COLIN HARRISON	2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	6
JOHN GRUNDY	3	†G. RONALD EDWARDS	7
FRANK BOUCHER	4	LESLIE STEVENS	...Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.
* First peal (aged 12 years). † First peal of Grandsire Triples. A birthday compliment to the conductor and also to the mother of the fifth ringer.

WANDSWORTH, LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM S. LANGDON	...Treble	HENRY G. MILES	5
HERBERT LANGDON	2	JAMES H. RUMLEY	6
HENRY R. NEWTON	3	ALFRED B. PECK	7
HERBERT PASMORE	4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	...Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in affectionate memory of Mr. Harry R. Pasmore, father of the ringer of the 4th and brother to the tenor ringer. The traditional 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral on January 5th. The peal was also rung as a tribute to Canon Douglas Tudor Craig, who passed away on January 7th, at the age of 70 years, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Earlsfield for 40 years, and Rural Dean of Wandsworth from 1925.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, January 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. BUTLER	...Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
*EDWARD S. T. FARR	3	CECIL W. PIPE	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	ALAN R. PINK	...Tenor

Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
* First peal in the method. E. S. T. Farr's 75th peal.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ARNOLD ARMITAGE	...Treble	JACK BRAY	5
ERNEST BRITTAIN	2	†FRED LACEY	6
FRANK LORD	3	GEORGE DOBBS	7
*HAROLD JUDD	4	GEORGE E. FEIRN	...Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK LORD.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the second has now 'completed the circle' in this tower.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*WALTER NICHOLS	...Treble	EDWARD FOSTER	5
GEORGE E. FOSTER	2	J. ALFRED BARRATT	6
J. FREDERICK MILNER	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	7
R. ALLEN HICKLIN	4	FREDERICK A. SALTER	...Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by F. A. SALTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT	...Treble	EDWIN A. BARNETT	5
*DEREK M. SHARP	2	JAMES BENNETT	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	*HARRY HOVERD	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	...Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.
* First peal in the method.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. NASH.
First peal of London by all except the 3rd ringer, and first in the method on the bells.

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BROWNEDGE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS BARKER ... ...*Treble*	FRANCIS MCCARTHY 5
ALFRED BLOGG 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY ... 7
FRED RIGBY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS... ...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 2). Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES

This composition, a 6,240 reduced, was composed in 1883, and is now rung for the first time.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	FREDERICK J. TILLETT ... 6
*WILLIAM S. KINSEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
*JAMES ROSE 4	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Charles Crapnell, the wife of a respected member of St. Margaret's Service band.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
WASHBROOK'S SIX PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

*PERCIVAL A. OLDHAM ...*Treble*	JOHN THOMPSON... 5
GEORGE A. NEWTON 2	†ERNEST E. PICKERING ... 6
†ARTHUR D. OLDHAM 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
JOSEPH H. BEALE 4	‡PERCY W. MOORE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* 100th M.C.A. peal. † First peal of Stedman. ‡ First peal. Celebrates the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Stedman Morris, brother and sister-in-law of the conductor.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE E. FEARN 5
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FRANK E. HAYNES 7
HENRY H. FEARN 4	FRED PRICE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES

First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, January 12, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being one extent each of York Surprise, Durham Surprise, London Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM WELLING ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. REDRUP 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	LEONARD STILWELL 5
EDWARD C. AYRES 3	ALAN R. PINK ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. REDRUP.

An eighteenth birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Holmes.

POULTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two extents of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob.

RUFUS COWELL ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE MARIES 4
STEPHEN LAWRENSON... ... 2	BERNARD H. HALL 5
JOHN H. FOSTER 3	CHARLES SHARPLES ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SHARPLES.

Ringers of treble and second are local ringers, and this is the first peal ever rung on the bells by local men. The bells have been in the tower since 1741.

ALGARKIRK, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 21, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS CARRIE NEAL ... ...*Treble*	†GEORGE W. BURRELL ... 4
†MISS LOIS M. NEAL 2	CYRIL R. BURRELL... ... 5
ARTHUR YOUNG 3	HAROLD BARSLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by HAROLD BARSLEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Cambridge.

GREAT BROMLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in E.

*GEORGE E. JENNINGS... ...*Treble*	URBAN W. WILDNEY... ... 4
†MISS VIOLET FROST 2	*MAURICE J. LING 5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal of Bob Minor. † First peal.

BRANSTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
One extent each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Single Court, and two each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

FREDERICK W. STOKES ...*Treble*	WALTER TOMLINSON 4
JOHN F. PEARSON 2	MOSES BILLINGS 5
*BERTIE BEE 3	JOHN WALDEN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

* First peal. A 70th birthday peal for Mr. Herbert Pearson (one of the local ringers), who kindly entertained the band to tea afterwards. Mr. Pearson had intended to take part in the peal but was unfortunately prevented through indisposition. The conductor called Mr. Pearson's first peal exactly 23 years ago.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*PERCY ENDERSBY ... ...*Treble*	EDMUND W. WAGSTAFFE ... 4
†HUGH E. HARDING 2	C. HENRY HARDING 5
C. EDWARD JEFFRIES ... 3	REGINALD J. HOUGHTON ...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. J. HOUGHTON.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of Sandal, London Scholars', Kingston, and one extent of Oxford.

A. HIBBERT	*Treble*	*A. BANCROFT	4
H. HAYTHORN	2	E. BENNETT	5
S ARDERN	3	J. A. MILNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. A. MILNER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. A. T. Marsland, who was a ringer at the above tower for over 30 years.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob.

MISS L. NOEL CAWTHORNE	*Treble*	MRS. DORICE KELLY	4
FREDERICK CARDWELL ...	2	ALFRED W. H. BOWLER ...	5
JOHN TURLEY	3	FRED WATKINSON...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRED WATKINSON.

Rung after meeting short for Major, owing to sudden illness.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising one extent each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ALBERT CATTERWALL... ...	*Treble*	REGINALD G. SYMONDS ...	4
BERNARD W. PETTITT ...	2	*RALPH BIRD	5
RONALD SUCKLING	3	THOMAS BIRD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. CATTERWALL.

* First peal in seven methods.

SURREY ASSOCIATION

SOUTHERN DISTRICT AT REIGATE.

The annual meeting of the Southern District, Surrey Association, was held at Reigate on Saturday, January 23rd. In spite of the very inclement weather, a gathering of 44 assembled, much to the delight of the secretary. Most of the district towers were represented, together with the motoring section of the Northern District and others from such far-flung outposts (campanologically speaking) as Uckfield (Sussex) and Oxhey (Herts). The fine peal of 10 bells, said to be one of the finest 10 in Southern England, were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Caters. Service was conducted by the Rev. R. Talbot, who heartily welcomed the ringers to Reigate, and preached an interesting sermon, the theme of which was 'Youth.' He was glad, he said, to see a few of the younger members present, and hoped they would continue and persuade other younger ones to take up ringing. He hoped they would also try and come to the service after calling others to church. When a small boy in the North of England he heard of a man who, every Sunday morning, went for a long walk so as to be able to be beyond the sound of church bells, as he hated them so much. He (the Vicar) felt very sorry for that man, and it left a lasting impression upon him. Only the other day, however, a parishioner stopped him in Reigate and said how he loved to hear their bells rung, and wished they could be rung oftener. On the other hand, some people complained very insistently and wanted to have the bells stopped altogether. The ringers, therefore, could see how difficult it was for him to steer a neutral course.

Alderman Temple-Newell sprang a delightful and pleasant surprise on the members by paying for the tea, which was served in the Church Hall. It was followed by the business meeting, at which the officers were elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Master, Mr. R. Fuller; treasurer, Mr. M. Northover; secretary, Mr. W. Claydon; auditor, Mr. A. Gear; committee, Messrs. H. Wallis, A. Weller and A. Bull.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Horley, and meetings are also to be held at Merstham, Kingswood and Betchworth. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Temple-Newell and the ladies who served tea.

During tea-time a fine touch of Stedman Triples was rung on handbells by the Northern District motoring section. An adjournment was again made to the tower for further ringing.

FOR BEGINNERS.

HOW TO RING 120 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

Last week we endeavoured to explain how the Grandsire method on five bells is rung. We showed that the 'work' of the method produced three leads, which is thirty changes, but that, of course, does not exhaust all the possible changes on five bells. As readers well know, the extent of changes on five bells is 120, or a 'six-score,' as old ringers were wont to call it.

To produce a 120 in any method of pure Doubles, as we explained a week or two ago, requires certain departures from the 'method,' and these departures are known as 'bobs' and 'singles.' The proper insertion of these 'calls'—because they are called by the conductor—makes it possible to extend our 30 changes to the full 120.

The 'bob' in Grandsire consists of the introduction of another 3rd's place. In the construction of the method itself, as we have seen, 3rd's place is made on every occasion immediately after the treble has led. The 3rd's place, to make a bob, is made when the treble leads its first blow—that is the two 3rd's places, when a bob is called, are consecutive, and they are made by the two bells hunting immediately in front of the treble.

The effect on the actual work of the bells is this: The bob (that is the 3rd's place before the treble completes its lead) is made by the bell that passed the treble in 2-3. Having made 3rd's, it strikes over the treble and then leads. It is then 'in the hunt,' where the 2nd is in the plain course, and all it has to do is to continue plain hunting until the next call is made.

The bell that makes the ordinary 3rd's place does not have its cycle of work disturbed, but the two other bells are detained in the 4-5 dodging place. One of them is the bell which has been 'in the hunt.' The call comes when he is completing his whole pull behind and he makes a **double** dodge in 5-4 (down).

A single dodge, which occurs in the plain lead, is just one step back in the hunting—into 5th's (from 4th's) if you dodge down; into 4th's (from 5th's) if you dodge up. When you 'double dodge' you step up, or down, twice, so that when you have to 'double dodge down' in Grandsire Doubles you first lay your whole pull behind, step down into 4th's, up into 5th's, down into 4th's, back into 5th's, and then go on down to lead.

Double dodging up is the reverse of this, and is done before lying the whole pull behind. This is done at a bob by the bell that passed the treble in 3-4; and the bell he follows to lead is the bell that dodges with him.

The dodging behind is the same at a single as at a bob, but the other two bells are reversed in their coursing order. Both 3rd's places are made by one and the same bell, the bell that passed the treble in 2-3. The other bell—that passed the treble in 1-2—lies a whole pull in 2nd's place over the treble, then leads again, and is 'in the hunt.' Now examine the difference in the working of the bells under these three sets of conditions. These figures show the essential work at the treble lead:—

Plain Lead.	Bob Lead.	Single Lead.
45312	45312	45312
54132	54132	54132
51423	51423	51423
15243	15432	15432
12534	14523	15423
21543	41532	51432
25134	45123	54123
52314	54213	45213

The proper place for the conductor to call the bob or single is when the treble strikes in 3rd's place on its way down. The dodging bells are then in the place where they have to dodge, the bell in front has sufficient notice to change its course. When you begin calling, however, you may not be able to 'see' the treble, although you want to cultivate the facility to do so as much as possible. It may, therefore, be necessary just at the start to 'call' your 120's by a fixed rule. If you ring the 3rd or 5th you make a call when your bell will have to stop and double dodge in 4-5 up.

In doing this, your only other work will be making 3rd's place at the alternate lead. As you hunt up and pass the treble in 3-4, make your call as you strike over the treble. Thus you have alternately one plain lead and one lead at which a call is made—that gives you in the 12 leads six calls in all. Two of these calls must be singles. You can put your first single at any one of the first three calling places, but the second single must come at the corresponding place in the next three.

If you call the first half P.B.P.B.P.S. (P standing for plain lead, B for bob lead and S for single lead), then the second half must be called in exactly the same way.

The 'calls' come at the 2nd, 4th and 6th leads if you use the 5th as the 'observation' bell, and at the 1st, 3rd and 5th leads if you use the 3rd as the 'observation' bell, and with these two forms of calling you can obtain six different 120's—different, that is, in the sequence of the changes.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SLOW PROGRESS OF CHANGE RINGING IN DORCHESTER BRANCH.

In his report to the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting at Dorchester on Saturday week, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) expressed regret that no restoration or augmentations had taken place among the bells in the district during the year, although it was greatly needed in some of the towers.

Prior to the meeting ringing took place at St. Peter's Church, and the Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson Markby), who also gave an appropriate address on the inscription, 'Te Deum Laudamus,' on the sixth bell at Portsmouth.

After tea, the business meeting, held in St. Peter's Institute, was presided over by the Rector, who was supported by the Rev. R. P. Farrow (vice-chairman) and Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary). There was a large and representative attendance from the towers in the branch.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings), in his annual report, stated that a steady year of good work had been accomplished. In addition to the quarterly and annual meetings, an excellent meeting for practice was held at Whitchurch Canonicorum and Bridport, with the co-operation of the West Dorset Branch, and there had been united practices at Abbotsbury and Wyke Regis. A great feature of the meetings had been the warm welcome extended by the incumbents and friends.

The membership remained about the same in regard to ringing members and associates, but there was a slight decrease in honorary members. Regret was expressed that no restoration or augmentation of existing peals had taken place, although it was greatly needed in some of the towers.

Six peals had been rung in the branch during the year. Change ringing was making on the whole rather slow progress, and it was hoped, with the assistance of the vice-chairman and Ringing Master, to hold still more practices for the instruction of members. An appeal was made for more members to fill the places of those who had left the district.

On the death of King George V. every tower in the branch rang with half-muffled bells.

The death was recorded with regret of the Rev. E. S. Field; Mr. Herbert Runyard (captain of the Wool Branch since its formation); Mr. William Bedford (who gave the treble bell and restored the present peal of six at Bere Regis); Mrs. Hunt, wife of Mr. J. Hunt, Buckland Newton; Mr. Alfred Rose (captain of the Wyke Regis band for about 25 years); Mrs. Moule, wife of the Ven. Archdeacon W. S. Moule, Vicar of Abbotsbury.

The Hon. Secretary concluded with an expression of thanks to many who had contributed to the success of the branch.

The financial statement showed a balance of £15 9s. 1d., as compared with £17 18s. 1d. at the beginning of the year.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Buckland Newton, Wyke Regis, and Frampton, and the annual meeting at Dorchester St. Peter's.

APPEAL FOR MORE ADVANCED METHODS

The following new members were elected: Ringing members, Mr. H. Emery (Bradford Peverell), Miss J. Chick and Mr. T. W. Chick (Stratton), Messrs. E. B. Randall and R. F. Cheeseman (Preston), Cornick and Swaffield (Wyke Regis), W. Mayo and C. E. New (Frampton), and Miss Barbara Baker (Upwey); associate member, Rev. R. C. Herring (Bere Regis); life members, Mr. Philip Henry Tocock, R.T.C., Bovington.

The Chairman extended a cordial welcome to the Rev. R. C. Herring, Mr. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), and ringers from Poole, Thornford and Stratton.

The officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. W. Markby; vice-chairman, Rev. R. P. Farrow; Ringing Master, Mr. E. T. P. Field; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. C. Smart; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. C. H. Jennings.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for granting the use of St. Peter's bells. He also made an appeal for more advanced methods of change ringing to be learnt. Ringers represented a strong body and a strong force in the church. As the Archbishop of Canterbury wished for a renewal of spiritual life, he thought that ringers could help a lot in this respect. Their position was very much higher and more honourable than it was many years ago.

The Rev. A. F. Godley seconded the vote of thanks.

Thanks were also accorded to Mr. Perham (St. Peter's organist), to the ladies for providing the tea, to the Revs. D. F. Slemeck (Charminster), A. S. Bryant (Upwey), and Gilbert Jessop (Fordington St. George) for permitting the use of the bells in their parishes, and to Mr. J. W. Smith for making the local arrangements.

GRANTS FOR RESTORATIONS.

The Chairman said that as the result of an inspection of St. Peter's tower and belfry the bells would have to be put on ball bearings during the year as the gudgeons were wearing. It was an expenditure that would have to be faced and would be something in the nature of £150. Like the Macedonians, he would say, 'Come over and help us,' and if they at St. Peter's could have anything more than mere words of sympathy they would be delighted to receive it. He wanted the work to be proceeded with so that it might be completed before the Coronation. He did not think it was too much to ask the Dorchester rural deanery and Dorchester town to help them to foot the bill.

After discussion it was resolved that a donation of £5 be given from the branch funds, and in an expression of thanks the Chairman said that it would be an encouragement to the members of St. Peter's Church Council and congregation to do their bit.

Mr. Jennings mentioned that at Wyke Regis they had got to within £400 of the £1,500 appealed for on behalf of the church and tower, and it was unanimously resolved to make a grant of £2 2s. from the branch funds.

SALISBURY BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

PRACTICES FOR THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS.

In spite of the wintry weather, there was a very good attendance at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Branch, held at St. Paul's, Salisbury, on Saturday last. Ringers present represented the towers at Berwick St. John, Britford, Wylye, Wilton, the city churches of St. Paul, St. Thomas and St. Martin, the Diocesan Theological College, Amesbury, Dinton, Martin, Damerham, etc., and there were visitors from the Devizes and the North Dorset Branches.

The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. S. B. Wingfield-Digby, assistant curate at St. Paul's, the address being given by the Rev. H. L. Bowen, priest-in-charge of St. Michael's, Bemerton, while the Rector, Rev. N. E. W. Bradyll-Johnson, was at the organ.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Rooms, after which the general meeting was presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. E. G. Caple), who was supported by Mr. F. W. Romaine (branch secretary and treasurer) and Rev. Bradyll-Johnson (hon. member).

Mr. Caple and Mr. Romaine were re-elected as chairman and secretary and treasurer respectively. Messrs. L. Harris, F. C. Smith and W. Roberts were re-elected Ringing Masters. The committee was re-elected with the addition of Mr. C. Haines (Wilton).

In thanking the members for re-electing him, Mr. Romaine remarked that he was now in his fourteenth year as secretary, and during that time the branch had more than doubled its membership. He hoped that in time the branch would be as strong as that at Devizes.

New members were admitted as follows: H. Hawker (Wilton), B. Safe (Sarum St. Thomas), Rev. S. B. Wingfield-Digby (St. Paul's), J. Baverstock, H. Scammell and J. Haines (St. Martin's), R. S. Jones and T. Gould (Salisbury Theological College); also the new band of ringers recently formed at Compton Chamberlain.

Mr. R. S. Jones (Theological College) stated that the college students were interesting themselves in change ringing, and were practising with the St. Martin's band, but in view of the difficulty they had in attending evening practices they would be glad to hear of any opportunities of ringing during afternoons of any day, or Saturday evenings.

Mr. Roberts (Berwick) and Rev. R. S. Smith (St. Martin's) both stated that they could arrange afternoon or Saturday evening practices, and would welcome the theological students at any time.

It was resolved that the next three meetings of the branch be held at Berwick St. John, Amesbury and Compton Chamberlain, and the secretary was asked to inquire whether Barford St. Martin bells would be available when the Compton Chamberlain meeting took place.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks, seconded by the secretary, to the Rev. Bradyll-Johnson, for receiving the branch, and to the Rev. Wingfield Digby and Rev. Bowen for the part they had taken in the service.

In replying, the Rector reiterated his delight at again having the Guild with them at St. Paul's, where they knew they were always welcome. He was anxious that his bellringers should become efficient change ringers, and to this end he was contemplating making application for the appointment of an official instructor.

There was some confusion in the Rector's mind over Ringing Masters and ringing instructors, and Mr. E. F. White (chairman of the Devizes Branch and a ringing instructor) explained the position, stating that, subject to the Rector making application through the official channels and the general secretary's consent, he, Mr. White, would be willing to undertake the instruction of St. Paul's band under the rules of the Guild.

The Rector thanked Mr. White for his explanation, and stated he would go into the matter fully. He reminded the ringers of the opportunities the forthcoming Coronation would give to bellringing.

The Secretary announced that the date of the Guild Festival had been provisionally fixed for May 1st at Salisbury Cathedral, but there would be more information on this matter later.

Ringing was then resumed at St. Paul's, also at St. Edmund's and St. Martin's.

LONDON.—On Sunday, January 10th, at St. George-in-the-Borough, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. P. Humphrey 1, Miss H. Oakshett 2, Miss S. Thursfield (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, Miss E. Greenall 4, Mrs. J. E. Davis 5, Mrs. G. W. Fletcher (conductor) 6, Norman Bagworth 7, Richard F. Deal 8.

MR. JOHN AUSTIN'S BEREAVEMENT.

Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, has sustained a severe and unexpected bereavement by the death of his wife, who passed away after only a few days' illness on January 21st.

On the previous Saturday Mr. Austin presided at the annual dinner of Bristol United Ringing Guilds, and Mrs. Austin was to have accompanied him. An apparently slight indisposition, however, prevented her from being present, but her illness later took on a serious turn.

The deepest sympathy will go out to Mr. Austin and his family in their great loss.

The funeral took place at St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, on January 25th, and was conducted by the Rev. E. C. Prichard (Rector). The principal mourners were Mr. J. Austin (widower), Mr. Harold Austin (son), the daughters and son-in-law, ex-Sergeant J. Williams and Mrs. Tyndal. Among those present were Mr. S. E. Romans (representing the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), Mr. H. Halford (the Cheltenham Branch of the association), and many old friends.

The service was of simple character. The 23rd Psalm was chanted and the hymns, 'Jesu, Lover of my soul,' and 'The King of Love my Shepherd is,' were sung.

The interment took place at the cemetery, and there were many floral tributes, among them one from the Gloucester ringers. A muffled touch was rung on the bells after the service by T. Baldwin, H. Case, J. Whiting, J. Gillet, W. H. Harris, S. E. Romans, G. Condick (conductor), and A. Martin.

LINK WITH THE 'QUEEN MARY.'

CUNARD CHAIRMAN GIVES BELL TO DEVON VILLAGE CHURCH.

Sir Percy Elly Bates, Bt., director of the Cunard Steamship Company, has given a tenor bell to the Parish Church of Charles, in North Devon, as a thankoffering for the launching of the world's greatest and fastest ship afloat and for the winning of the Atlantic Blue Riband by the 'Queen Mary.'

The Rector and churchwardens of Charles have obtained a faculty for this reconstruction of the peal of bells, and it is hoped that the new bell will be dedicated, and started by Sir Percy in person, in time to be used for the Coronation in May.

The work is being carried out by John Taylor and Co., who cast the ship bells of the 'Queen Mary.' The inscription on the new bell mentions this latter fact.

The little village of Charles has been long distinguished for its Blackmore traditions of 'Lorna Doone' fame.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

About fifty ringers attended the annual meeting of the Wellingborough District of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, held at Higham Ferrers on January 23rd.

A service was held in the beautiful old church during the afternoon, conducted by the branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw), whilst the Vicar read the lesson and took from it the subject for his very able and interesting address, 'Noise and sound.' He hoped that the ringers would realise their responsibility and see to it that the angel voices of the bells were never silent.

Ringers were present from a wide area, including Finedon, Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Irchester, Ecton, Stanwick, Earls Barton, and a number of the local band. The Kettering district and the Thrapston branch were also well represented. Three enthusiasts of the Bedford Association were present, and also Mr. W. A. Stote, of Coventry, and the Rev. E. S. Powell (the Guild Master) and Mrs. Powell, together with the Guild general secretary, Mr. R. G. Black.

After tea, the meeting opened with references to the deaths of Mr. W. H. Ette (Wellingborough) and the late Master, Mr. F. Wilford, the members standing in silent tribute. The Rev. E. S. Powell spoke very highly of Mr. Wilford's life.

The branch officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, M.A., R.D.; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Bigley; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and A. Plowman; branch committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, F. Jones and A. H. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. W. Johnson; Branch Ringing Master, Mr. W. Perkins.

It was reported that the membership stood as follows: Three hon. life; 18 honorary and 148 ringing members.

The accounts showed an increased balance of £2 16s., and after a little discussion it was agreed to make a grant of £3 from the branch funds to the Wellingborough Restoration Bell Fund.

The secretary read a letter of good wishes from Mr. F. Barber (past secretary), who had hoped to be present, but was prevented through influenza.

Six new members were elected, two from Earls Barton, two from Mears Ashby, one from Irchester and one from Finedon.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Wollaston on April 17th.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to all concerned, and bells were again set ringing to various wishes of the visitors. During the afternoon and evening methods ranged from rounds to Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to pressure on our space we regret we have been compelled to hold over reports of the meetings of the Middlesex Association (North and East District), Surrey Association (North-Western District), and Worcestershire Association (Western District) and other contributions.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon, have been entrusted with the contract for the restoration of the bells at Shepperton Church, Middlesex.

Chief Inspector William Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police, retires this week after 29 years' service. Mr. Bottrill is president of the Metropolitan Police Guild of Ringers and vice-president of the National Police Guild. It was through his efforts that the Metropolitan Guild was established and became a recreative organisation recognised by the authorities.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major is being arranged at Edgbaston Parish Church, Birmingham, starting at 2 p.m. on February 27th, on the occasion of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner. Any visitors who would like to stand in should write as early as possible to the Ringing Master, Mr. F. E. Haynes, Northdene, 102, Vicarage Road, Smethwick.

Following in father's—and grandfather's—footsteps! Geoffrey Harrison, son of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough Foundry, has rung his first peal—the treble to Grandsire Triples on the back eight of the Foundry bells. His father called the peal. What a pity his grandpa, a well-known Sheffield ringer, was not also in the band.

Another of Mr. Arthur Knights' 'old' compositions has now been rung for the first time. A peal of Treble Bob, which he put on paper in 1883—fifty-four years ago—was called at Brownedge, Lancs, on Saturday. It isn't as if he is an unknown composer, either.

The death occurred on January 28th of Mr. Joseph Hands, who had been a member of St. Peter's Society, Caversham, for 53 years. He was 79 years of age. The funeral took place on Monday.

Will any person who may have found or taken a silk scarf in mistake at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Saturday last, please return it to R. Fenn, 118, St. Audrey's Road, Barking, Essex.

A REGISTER OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the leading article in your issue of January 8th you may be interested to know that a register of Surprise Major methods, on much the same lines as those suggested therein, is already in course of preparation.

Obviously it is easy enough to make out a list of methods rung and to add each new one as it is published. The difficulty is to arrange them in such an order that any given method can be turned up from the figures in the shortest possible time.

I have been doing some work on this problem recently, and have now got out a method of indexing which overcomes this difficulty. I am at the moment applying it to the Surprise Major methods, and I hope by the time of the next Central Council meeting to have completed the indexing of all the methods of this class that have been rung.

They are arranged in such a way that if the figures of a half-lead of any given method are produced its correct position in the register can be found in a few moments; if it has already been rung it will be found there, together with its name and details of first performance, etc., and if it is not there then it has not previously been rung and can be inserted.

Although, so far, I have only applied it to the Surprise Major methods, the same system of indexing can be used for any class of method in any number of bells.

Bristol. STEPHEN H. WOOD.

LANCHESTER BELLS RESTORED.

OPENING BY DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The renovated peal of bells at Lanchester Parish Church was rededicated on Saturday, January 23rd. In the absence of the Archdeacon of Auckland, who was unable to be present through family illness, the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Jenkin Jones, Vicar of Blackhill.

The bells were originally installed in the year 1810, and were very heavy going, but Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have now made them into a fine ring of six, the tenor being 8½ cwt. Three bells have been recast, the other three retuned, and all hung on ball bearings.

After the dedicatory prayers, the Rev. L. Heatherington, Vicar of Lanchester, tolled the fifth bell. At the close of the service the bells were raised in peal, and the first touch rung on them by L. Richardson 1, C. L. Routledge (conductor) 2, H. Tyson 3, W. Brown 4, J. A. Brown 5, S. Thompson 6.

The President of the association (Councillor A. Payne) afterwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for inviting the association to reopen the bells, and referred to the fine 'go' of the peal and the excellent way they had been rehung.

Ringers were present from Newcastle Cathedral, Chester-le-Street, Benfieldside, Tanfield, Blackhill, Whickham, Consett and the local tower.

After tea the belfry was again open, and touches in various Minor methods were rung.

PEALS IN 1936.

OVER ONE HUNDRED LESS THAN IN 1935.

The total number of peals rung in 1936 was 1,750, of which 1,675 were on tower bells and 75 on handbells. This is more than one hundred less than in the preceding year, when 1,863 were rung. In 1934 the total was 1,784; in 1933, 1,833; and in 1932, 2,202.

Here is a detailed comparison for the last three years:—

	1936.		1935.		1934.	
	Tower.	H'bells.	Tower.	H'bells.	Tower.	H'bells.
Maximus ...	9	—	9	1	12	—
Cinques ...	35	—	35	5	23	6
Royal ...	54	6	46	8	61	5
Caters ...	91	11	82	7	68	9
Major ...	619	37	669	41	724	47
Triples ...	305	7	376	12	324	7
Minor ...	412	10	381	5	355	7
Doubles ...	150	4	183	3	130	6
...	1,675	75	1,781	82	1,697	87
Totals ...	1,750		1,863		1,784	

A CONTRAST IN BELL BROADCASTS

To the Editor

Sir,—I wonder if any of your readers listened to both Romsey and Sherborne bells on Sunday evening, January 24th? I tuned in first to Sherborne and was at once struck by the extraordinary roar. The dominant notes of the bells were anything but clear, so that I was unable to spot the method being rung, except that it was Triples. I then cut across the dial to Romsey and was astonished at the difference. Here the bells sounded clear and musical, and one could follow the method easily. Back I went to Sherborne, and again that most unpleasant roar—so back to Romsey. I did this continuously as long as the broadcast lasted.

Sherborne bells are of recent casting, or was it only the tenor that was recast? Query: Are these bells Simpson tuned, and how are the Romsey bells tuned?

If the Sherborne are Simpson tuned and Romsey not, then I would consider the Simpson method a 'wash-out.'

We are getting increasing complaints about the ringing of bells, and this may account for it.

I shall be interested to hear if any other readers switched over from the one to the other, and, if so, what they thought about the comparison.

D. G. TAYLOR.

Ilminster.

THE EXPLANATION.

This contrast in the two broadcasts which, taking place simultaneously, enabled comparison to be made, is extremely interesting. Both Sherborne and Romsey have not so long since been through the same foundry, both restorations having been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Sherborne tenor only was recast; at Romsey three of the bells were recast. In each case the whole peal was subjected to modified 'harmonic' tuning, and not Simpson tuned. Both rings of bells are thus on approximately the same harmonic scale.

The explanation of the difference in the way the bells came over the ether is, therefore, due, not to the bells themselves, but to the relative positions of the microphones. We understand that at Sherborne the 'mike' was on the roof of the Abbey, not very far from the belfry windows, and apparently much too close for such a heavy peal of bells.

POPULARISE GOOD METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leading article of January 29th has my fullest sympathy. May I say in the first place that there is not a method that I have rung with worse music than Cambridge!

In Ipswich we have a good ringer, who never goes inside a belfry now, but delights in listening to all ringing with a keen ear. He says, 'Why do you ring that method?' referring to Cambridge.

What is wanted is a composer to broadcast a few methods which extend from six or eight bells to 12 as well as Cambridge does, for this, in my opinion, is the only reason Cambridge is so popular. Superlative, London and Bristol all fail in this respect.

You are quite right to advise all bands to practise something new to keep their interest alive. The idea of Mr. Nolan Golden in his notice of the North Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association to practise something off the beaten track is to be highly commended.

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Ipswich.

YOUNG RINGERS CRITICISED.

COMMENTS AT A GUILDFORD GUILD MEETING.

Irksome Jobs Left to the 'Old 'Uns.'

A striking call to the younger ringers was made in the report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) to the annual meeting of the Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild on Saturday week. He said:—

'It has been noticed that the younger ringers in some towers do not attend meetings, although every opportunity is offered for their advancement. It is entirely the duty of we younger ringers to do everything possible to maintain the high standard reached by many of the older ringers. Surely it is unfair to leave the "old 'uns" to do all the irksome duties necessary for the running of a belfry. The modern generation is criticised in most things; let it not be so with our younger ringers. Too often we find fault with others who are doing their best to improve matters, and then, when asked to help, refuse to hold office or even make suggestions. If you are dissatisfied with your captain, vote for someone else or try taking the office yourself. Don't absent yourself from the belfry and grumble outside about what should be done or what you would do if you were in charge.'

The report further stated that, although 1936 did not show any outstanding improvement in the affairs of the district, neither could it be said that there had been any serious backsliding. Ringing members had increased by four and honorary members decreased by one. They had 125 ringing and 29 honorary members. The passing of the Hon. Mrs. Randal Parsons (Horley), Canon M. C. H. Collet (Frensham), and Mr. Walter Cleeves (Farnham) was recorded with regret. Altogether the district had subscribed this year towards the benevolent fund the sum of £5 18s. 8d. Tower collecting boxes brought in £4 1s. 2d., collections at meetings 17s., and subscriptions £1 10s. 6d.

Only two peals were successful in the district in 1936. On January 25th a local peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with fully muffled bells, was rung at Aldershot in memory of his late Majesty King George V. In this peal five ringers rang their first peal in the method, one his first peal in the method away from the treble, and the conductor his first of Triples as conductor. The other was a peal of Bob Major, rung at Farnham on November 21st, the conductor being the Ringing Master, Mr. Hasted. Several ringers from the district had rung peals outside the district. This year they hoped for many more successful peals. A good opportunity will be in May, when the Coronation celebrations are taking place. It was most important that the bells in every tower should be rung on Coronation Day.

The work of retuning and rehanging the bells at St. Michael's, Yorktown, had been completed, and the ring of eight was now in excellent order. Great satisfaction had been expressed at the way in which the bell hangers carried out the job. Crondall bells were at the founders', and it was expected that they would be back in the tower by Coronation Day. Funds were still needed. Restoration work was necessary at St. Peter's, Ash, but nothing had been done. It was hoped that something would materialise in 1937.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING

The report added: It is thought that the majority of towers showed no marked progress, although service ringing has been maintained generally. The greatest disappointment is at Seale, a belfry which has received more assistance than any other in the district, where, although subscriptions were received from 12 members, it has been practically impossible to ring the six bells on Sundays. At Farnham, too, eight ropes have not always been manned for service ringing. Any suggestions for improving these conditions will be welcomed by the officials.

The Rector of Farnham (Canon E. M. Girling) presided over the meeting, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. Hasted), Mr. A. J. Stedman (hon. member), Capt. H. J. Cann (Brookwood), Mr. J. Cobbett (general treasurer) and Mr. C. W. Denyer (district hon. secretary). Towers represented were Aldershot, Ash, Farnham, Bagshot, Bentley, Crondall, Seale, Yorktown, Guildford (Cathedral), Frensham and Clandon. Visitors were present from Wokingham, Rickmansworth and Watford.

Apologies were received from several hon. members and from Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Guild secretary, who was indisposed).

No other nominations having been received, the following were declared elected: Ringing Master, Mr. R. Hasted; hon. secretary, Mr. C. W. Denyer; hon. auditor, Mr. P. L. Eldridge; executive committee representatives, ringing, Messrs. F. Nye and T. Upshall; honorary, Mr. W. A. Dollimore.

Nominations for Guild officers were made as follows: Major Hesse (Master), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. secretary), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. Hasted (hon. auditor).

Towers selected for 1937 meetings were: Aldershot (eight bells), Bagshot (eight), Crondall (six), Frensham (six).

The balance sheet for 1936 showed receipts totalling £33 9s. 5d., and an expenditure of £17 19s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of £15 10s. The statement was adopted.

Three new hon. members elected were Mr. H. Cole (Aldershot), the Rev. W. J. Blaikie (Ash), and the Rev. W. Towney (Yorktown).

Mr. Nye proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Cann (Brookwood) for his donation of £1 to the district, and Mr. Ewens thanked the

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BELLRINGING REFLECTS LIFE.

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district for a donation of £1 to the Yorktown bell restoration fund. The hon. secretary was instructed to write to Mr. E. Clapshaw congratulating him on his 92nd birthday on January 26th. It was directed that a special vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for his work in the past should be recorded in the minutes.

Mr. W. Melville (Guildford) congratulated the five Aldershot ringers who rang their first peal of Superlative Surprise at Yorktown recently. It was, he said, a fine performance.

Mr. J. Corbett (Bagshot) proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Girling for the use of the bells, for his fine address and for taking the chair at the meeting; to Mr. G. C. Macklin, organist of the Parish Church, and members of the choir; to Mr. Hasted for arranging the meeting; and to the verger and caterers.

Prior to the meeting, ringing had taken place at the Parish Church unde the direction of Mr. R. Hasted, Ringing Master, and the service was conducted by Canon Girling, whose striking address is reported below. Tea and the meeting took place at Rogers' Cafe, after which there was further ringing, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

RINGERS' GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

In town and in village our church bells to-day
Cry 'Come, you good people, and put care away,'
For He who made blossom and sunlight and May,
Be certain rejoices in hearts that are gay.

The theme of the joy of ringing church bells in praise of God, running through the hymn, a verse of which is quoted above, was taken by Canon E. M. Girling as the subject of his address.

Canon Girling said it had been remarked about English people that they took their pleasures sadly. No doubt it was said by a foreigner when he had been looking at the crowds on Waterloo Station before a holiday. If that same foreigner had gone into a ringing chamber during a peal, and had watched people concentrated for all they were worth on the ringing of bells; if he had seen them at the end of three and a quarter hours' ringing, wet with their labour, quite unpaid, that same foreigner might have said, 'These English men, and possibly English women, do take their pleasures sadly.'

And yet, said Canon Girling, bellringing is intended to express the joy of life and the joy of religion. There are other people who express their joy in rather a similar way. The baby with his drum, the boy who whistles as he goes to school or comes back from school, the girl singing 'Miriam' with her timbrel, dancing in front of the people after a great deliverance, the violinist or the cornet player—they all belong to the same fellowship of those who try to express their joy in the most natural way of all by uttering songs of happiness and glee. Even that foreigner, when he had left the belfry and perhaps when he had come some way by the Castle, listening to the sound of our bells floating across the fields, could not help feeling elated or could not help thinking there was joy in these English after all. Perhaps he had made a mistake.

It is so natural, is it not, on all occasions of national rejoicings and so on, almost the first thing people say is, 'Oh, we must have the church bells.' Why? To express their joy. That surely is the main thing. It is true there is another side. I do not forget that life is not all joy all the time. There is the muffled bell that we ring on proper occasions; there are those nine tellers, as they call them, for the passing of the human soul. Bellringing reflects the whole of life.

But to-day there is a very great need to emphasise the joy of true religion, because so many people have got the idea that religion is a dull, gloomy thing, something that prevents you from enjoying life, and all that sort of nonsense. That is an entirely wrong conception of it. I know there have been times when perhaps the Puritan was in the ascendant, and Sunday was a day of gloom, when no bells were allowed because they were regarded as being evil in some way. But, speaking generally, bellringing is most typical of what religion should be, and that is a thing of joy.

SOUND OF BELLS TOUCHES PEOPLE'S CONSCIENCES.

And when the bells before a service are ringing it is not to remind people that they ought to perform a rather unpleasant duty. That is the idea some people seem to have; perhaps it is one of the reasons why some people object to bellringing altogether. I don't think it is altogether that they have got a headache and cannot stand a noise; perhaps sometimes it is because it touches their consciences—the bells remind them of it and they object very strongly to bellringing. Bellringing is not meant to call us to an unpleasant duty, but to remind us of one of the most splendid privileges we have, the privilege of worship in God's house. If one could only get young people to realise that it is not simply a duty but a very glad and high privilege!

If that be so, ringers can play a very important part in religion. I dare say you have all heard on the wireless the Archbishop's 'Recall to Religion.' It is something that I hope will be no mere stunt but that it will have a very great effect upon this nation.

There you ringers have your part. Naturally you must not only be skilful in the ringing of the bells—I know you are that and in-

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

At a business meeting of the Cambridge University Guild, held on January 18th, the Rev. A. C. Blyth, M.A., fellow and tutor of Selwyn College, was unanimously elected president of the Guild in succession to the late Rev. A. H. F. Boughey.

Mr. Blyth was nominated by the Master (Mr. R. D. St. J. Smith, Selwyn), and seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. M. B. Shaw, Peterhouse), and the Rev. B. F. Sheppard (Trinity) also spoke strongly in favour of the nomination.

As an undergraduate, Mr. Blyth filled the office of secretary in 1912, during the Mastership of Mr. E. M. Atkins, and for the past few years has, as vice-president, deputised for the late president when failing health prevented him from taking his former part in the activities of the Guild.

Mr. Blyth has rung a number of handbell peals for the Guild, including Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

BIG CLOCK FOR EGYPT.

FIVE AND A HALF TONS HOUR BELL.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, are carrying out an important clock and bell contract for Egypt. In consists of an all-electric clock and five bells, which are to be erected at the University of Giza, near Cairo.

The clock has 10ft. dials, and is provided with an auxiliary equipment which will ensure that the mechanism will continue to operate for 24 hours in case of failure of the electric current.

The hour bell weighs 5½ tons, and the Westminster quarter chimes will be struck on the other four bells.

On Tuesday afternoon the clock and bells were inspected by the Egyptian Charge d'Affaires, His Excellency A. B. Rahman Bey.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs, on Saturday, January 16th, the bells were 'fired' and touches of Bob Minor (with 7-8 covering) and Grandsire Triples were rung immediately after the wedding of Miss Mary Gwendoline Wallater (eldest daughter of the conductor of the local band) to Mr. Norman G. Ravenscroft, of Short Heath, Wolverhampton). The ringers were W. Edge, A. E. Reed, A. Evans, B. Munday, J. Luck, J. Picken, R. Sidebotham, E. Hortin, S. H. Coley, F. Magness and J. Pritchard.

DEATH OF A BOWDON RINGER.

MR. JOSEPH HOLT'S 47 YEARS' SERVICE.

A ringer at Bowdon Parish Church, Cheshire, for more than 47 years, Mr. Joseph Holt passed away recently after only a short illness.

Mr. Holt, who was a native of Bowdon, had been for 22 years licensee of the Railway Inn, Ashley Road, Hale, and was well known in the district. In addition to having been a bellringer at Bowdon Parish Church, he was also at one time a chorister at the church, and was the first telegraph boy at Bowdon Post Office. The bells of the Parish Church were rung fully muffled on the day of Mr. Holt's death.

The funeral took place at Altrincham Cemetery, the Rev. W. H. Brind (curate at Bowdon Church) officiating.

In addition to the family mourners many friends gathered at the graveside, among them being Messrs. D. Vincent, S. Mottershead, G. Ollier and P. Cross (representing the ringers).

As a last token of respect the bells of Bowdon Parish Church were rung half-muffled in the evening. The touches included 360 of Minor, with 7-8 behind, by G. Ollier 1, D. Vincent (conductor) 2, H. McKinnell 3, A. Brown 4, J. Hassell 5, A. Elkins 6, P. Cross 7, S. Mottershead 8. This was followed by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by J. Hassell (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, H. McKinnell 2, J. Saunders (first quarter-peal) 3, C. Tomlinson 4, D. Vincent (conductor) 5, A. Brown 6, A. Elkins 7, S. Mottershead (first quarter-peal) 8.

This was the first quarter-peal rung on the bells by an entirely local company since the bells were augmented to eight in 1923.

After the 'whole pull and stand' had been rung a few times the bells were stopped one at a time, commencing from the treble.

Mr. Holt's age was then tolled on the tenor bell by S. Mottershead, who now has the longest service at this church as ringer.

A two minutes' silence was observed before the company dispersed.

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creasingly so—you must not only take an interest in the belfry, you must also find your place and fill this place in the church. You must have in you the spirit of true religion and the joy of religion. If you experience that for yourselves I am perfectly certain it will have an effect even upon the bellringing itself. There will be no more complaints about people getting slack, no difficulty in getting together the necessary eight or ten. On the contrary, all the members of the company will be there because they know that that is their place, because they are going to take part in the worship of God and because they know the true joy of religion. And if that can happen, if all of us are sincerely converted Christians, think what your bellringing can be. It can be a sacrament.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

REVIVING ACTIVITIES IN LONDON.

The revival of the annual dinner and a decision to arrange for Sunday service ringing at additional churches in London were matters of special interest before the annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday. Despite a very dismal day, over fifty members attended, many of them coming from far afield. In the afternoon there was ringing both at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and St. Martin's, and tea was served in the crypt at the latter church, where for the entertainment of the ladies who served the meal a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells belonging to Mr. C. E. Waters, of Watford.

The business meeting was held in St. Martin's Vestry Hall, the Vicar (Rev. Pat McCormack) presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. G. H. Cross), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. A. Card), and the hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere).

The last-named presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts, including the subscriptions of thirty new members, of £13 16s. 6d. The expenditure amounted to £19 8s. 5d., and included £6 16s. for the memorial to the late Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews), £1 1s. to the Wm. Pye memorial, £1 Central Council subscription, and £2 2s. to the funds of the Central Council Entertainment Committee. The balance in hand at the end of the year was £9 15s. 1½d.—The accounts were adopted.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, said the year 1936 had been one of steady progress in the annals of ringing. During the year the society rang 12 peals, consisting of Stedman Cinques 2, Caters 1, Bristol Surprise 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 1, Stedman Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 1, Minor in seven Surprise methods 1, Bob Minor 2, and one peal of Stedman Triples on handbells. One lady ringer rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques, and on behalf of the society he extended to her hearty congratulations. The peal of Stedman Triples on Boxing Day at St. Martin's was rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the Duke and Duchess of Kent. Information of the peal was forwarded to Belgrave Square, and a suitable reply was received. One encouraging feature last year was the steady increase in new members, 30 having been elected. The society owed a debt of gratitude to the Vicar and Church Council of St. Martin's for allowing them to place their safe and boxes in the choir vestry, thus bringing to an end a controversy as to the custody of the safe. Three quarterly meetings had been held, the most successful being at Gravesend. That at Beddington was held jointly with two other societies, but the one which should have been held at Walthamstow had to be transferred to Romford owing to a misunderstanding. As a result of this experience he advised more thought being given to the places selected for the quarterly meetings.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. George Cross was re-elected Master, and in acknowledging the compliment said there was no need for pessimism with regard to the position of the society. In addition to the twelve peals rung, they attempted Cambridge Maximus, which was lost after two hours, two peals of Cambridge Royal, a peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and a peal of London. The influx of young members was very encouraging.

Mr. G. A. Card was re-elected hon. secretary, with Mr. N. Summerhayes as assistant secretary.

Mr. G. W. Steere was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Messrs. F. G. Symonds and A. Hardy trustees. Mr. T. Bevan was elected senior steward, and Mr. J. E. Bailey junior steward.

The election of four members prior to peal attempts was confirmed, and the following new members were elected: Mr. W. Stote, Coventry; Mr. E. Bowman, Feltham; Miss D. E. Colegate, Sevenoaks; Mr. H. S. T. Willson and Mr. H. M. Mears, St. Olave's, Hart Street, London; Mr. B. W. May, Bobbing, Kent; Messrs. J. T. O'Dell, R. H. Harman, D. F. Harman and D. H. A. Pestall (Hampstead) and Mr. T. Collins (Ruislip).

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Hampstead, with Highgate and Gospel Oak, on March 6th; Pinner on July 10th; and St. George's, Southwark, in October.

In conformity with a motion passed at a quarterly meeting, it was announced that the annual dinner was to be revived and arrangements had been made to hold it at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, on March 13th. The hope was expressed that members and their friends (including ladies) would support the function.

The Master referred to the society's service held in December at St. Olave's, Hart Street. Some of the ringers from that church had joined the society, and the Vicar would like it very much if the society would ring there for services on Sunday evenings occasionally. St. Bride's tower had also been opened to them again, which they very much appreciated, and he suggested that the society should arrange to ring on Sunday evenings at each of the churches once every six weeks. They already rang at Shoreditch twice a month.

After some discussion the Master's suggestion was adopted, and it was decided to set up a voluntary rota of members for the purpose. All members of the society within reach of London were invited to put their names on the list, in order to take their turn as required. They should send their names and addresses to the assistant secretary (Mr. N. Summerhayes), 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday last the annual meeting of the Stockport and Bowdon Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Peter's Church, Ashton-under-Lyne, when, in spite of exceedingly cold and wintry weather, some 45 members and friends were present at the service in church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. L. Owen, who also gave a very interesting address. He took as the basis of his remarks the text, 'Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.' He stressed the necessity of attendance at practice if ringers were to make any real service of their ringing, and urged them not to look upon it as sacrifice but as a pleasant duty. He deplored the installation of 'canned' bells, and said that, while he agreed that the machine was the friend of man, he thought we might at least leave the arts free from this mechanisation. He reminded those present that they sent out Sunday after Sunday and at other times the call of the Christian faith. They should therefore see to it that this faith was shown in their daily lives and that they regarded their religion as a living thing and not merely a sort of insurance policy for the life to come.

After service, a bountiful tea was served in the schools. The business meeting followed under the chairmanship of Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft (branch chairman), who apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who was just recovering from a bout of the fashionable complaint, influenza, and did not think it wise to stay out too long. He had, therefore, returned home after conducting the service. He extended a cordial welcome to the Guild, and hoped the members would approve of the restoration work done.

The sudden death of Mr. Adam T. Marsland, of Disley, was announced, and came as a shock to many present, as also did the deaths of Messrs. Holt and Dean, two of the older ringers at Bowdon. The meeting stood for a moment in silence, and then instructed the secretary to convey the sympathy of the branch to the relatives.

The annual report and statement of accounts were read and adopted, and the election of the officers for the ensuing year then took place.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar and wardens, the local ringers and their ladies, the organist and to all who had in any way contributed to the success of the meeting.

A return was made to the tower, where good use was made of the bells, and there were many highly complimentary remarks made on the fine way in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have restored this peal of eight through the generosity of the Barron Bell Trust.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SMALL MEETING BUT PLENTY OF RINGING.

The January meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, January 23rd. The attendance was not quite all that could be desired, but the unfavourable weather and the influenza epidemic probably kept some away. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room, presided over by the president of the association, Mr. J. C. Pollard.

There was no business to be discussed, and, after giving a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells and electing a new member (Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, of Saltburn), a return was made to the tower for more ringing. With the exception of the break for tea, the bells were going from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

Members attended from Ripon, Ormesby, Darlington (Holy Trinity), Guisborough, Saltburn, Middlesbrough and the local company.

The next meeting will be held at Whitby on April 24th.

LINCOLNSHIRE VICAR LEAVES MONEY FOR BELLS.

At Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, on Monday, January 25th, after failure of peal attempt, 720 changes of St. Clement's Minor: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. Bray (conductor) 4, E. Brittain 5, B. Gillatt, jun., 6. Rung with bells half-muffled as a last token of esteem for Canon F. A. Jarvis, 39 years Vicar of the parish. Canon Jarvis was responsible for the three old bells being made into six in 1920, giving one of them himself. He has left, in his will, a sum toward the cost of adding two trebles.

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A vote of thanks to the Rev. Pat McCormack was proposed by Chief Inspector Bottrill, seconded by Mr. A. Pye, acknowledgment being made of the Vicar's interest in the society, of the use of the bells, of the tea in the crypt, and of his presiding at the meeting.

The Vicar said he was delighted to welcome the society, and wished them a successful year.

Thanks were accorded to the officers for their services during the past year, and to Mr. T. Bevan and Mrs. Cross for their activities in obtaining many new members. Mr. Bevan was also thanked for getting the bells of St. Bride's ready that day.

Mr. Bailey expressed appreciation of the attendance of the members who had come long distances to be present, and the Master appealed for a better attendance at the monthly meetings at Shoreditch.

Tribute was paid to the memory of members who had passed away during the year, and the meeting then terminated.

THE LATE MR. H. R. PASMORE'S PEALS.

DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCES.

Some reference has already been made in 'The Ringing World' to the peal performances of the late Mr. Harry R. Pasmore, who was a member of both St. Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey bands. He was a ringer and conductor of exceptional ability. In his first 12 months as a peal ringer he rang eight peals, which included Superlative and London Surprise, at the age of 17. Before he was 20 he had rung in the first three Surprise peals rung in one day, and also non-conducted peals of London and Cambridge Surprise. Later in the same year he conducted the first handbell peals of Superlative ever rung, and afterwards took part in that wonderful performance, Carter's Odd Bob One-Part peal of Stedman Triples non-conducted on handbells.

The following is the list of his peals:—

	Tower.	Cond.	Hand.	Cond.
Grandsire:				
Triples	3	—	3	1
Caters	3	—	2	1
Cinques	—	—	1	1
Stedman:				
Triples	18	2	9	3*
Caters	9	2	9	4
Cinques	12	4*	19	14
Plain Bob:				
Major	2	—	3	1
Royal	—	—	1	1
Maximus	1	1	1	1
Kent Treble Bob:				
Major	4	—	3	3
Royal	4	—	1	1
Maximus	6	—	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1	—	—	—
Double Norwich:				
Major	2	1	—	—
Royal	4	1	—	—
Superlative Surprise Major	11	2	2	2
Cambridge Surprise:				
Minor	1	1	—	—
Major	12	4*	—	—
Royal	6	5	—	—
Maximus	7	2	—	—
London Surprise Major	42	21*	—	—
St. Stephen's Surprise Major	1	—	—	—
Bristol Surprise Major	4	3	—	—
Spliced Surprise Major	2	2	—	—
Total	155	51	55	34

* Silent peals in each.

FUNERAL OF MR. G. W. STOKES.

The funeral of the late Mr. George W. Stokes, of Eastbourne, who filled many offices in the Sussex County Association, including that of secretary of the Eastern Division from 1920 to 1922, took place on Monday, January 25th. The first part of the service was held in St. Philip's Church, and the interment took place at Langney Cemetery.

The association was represented by Mr. A. C. Pankhurst (hon. secretary of the Eastern Division), Mr. F. Dallaway and Mr. H. Hobden (St. Saviour's) and Mr. G. Piper. The Vicar of St. Saviour's, where Mr. Stokes had been a member of the company for 16 years, was also present.

Among the many wreaths was one from the Sussex Association, one from St. Saviour's band and one from St. Mary's company.

At St. Saviour's Church on the previous day a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by G. Hobbs 1, H. G. Reynolds 2, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 3, E. Bray 4, F. H. Dallaway 5, E. Gower 6, A. C. Pankhurst 7, L. Faulkner 8.

Mr. Stokes, who was 61 years of age, will be particularly missed at Eastbourne, while the association also has sustained a great loss. In addition to his service as divisional secretary, he had served on the Committee of Advice, was a trustee for five years and hon. treasurer for two years. He had rung about a hundred peals.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting of Guildford District at Guildford on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available: Cathedral, 3 to 4 p.m.; S. Nicolas', 3.30 to 4.30. Shalford, after meeting, until 9 p.m. Service at S. Nicolas' 4.30. Tea and meeting at Ayres' Café 5.15.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Burley Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Meeting in tower at 6.30 p.m. Members and non members cordially invited.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec., 58, Anvil St., Blackburn.

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.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend. — H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Old Cleeve (8) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, 6, Park Street, Minehead.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Sevenoaks is the place, and Saturday, Feb. 6th, the date, for the first meeting of the New Year. *You* come, please, and help start the year well. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1937 are now due.—Alec. E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District. — The annual meeting will be held at All Saints' Church, Old Isleworth, on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Church Hall, South Street. Business meeting to follow. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. and after meeting.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Meeting 5 p.m. A hearty welcome given to all ringers to attend.—J. Charnock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — General quarterly meeting, Loughborough, Feb. 6th. Bells of All Saints' (10) and Bell Foundry Campanile (10) available 2 to 3.45 and after meeting. Committee meet 3 p.m. Special service 4 p.m., during which late Rector (Canon Briggs) will dedicate tablet to past Loughborough ringers. Tea at 4.30, followed by general meeting; both in the Fearon Hall. — Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Southill on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6), recently rehung and retuned by J. Taylor and Co., available 3 o'clock. All visitors welcomed.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — A meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers in Lytham on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business 5.30. Members and non-members heartily welcomed.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poolstock (not Wigan Parish, as previously arranged) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells 3 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Please advise, if tea required. — D. G. Taylor, Cornhill, Ilminster.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Brightwalton on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 5 p.m., at 6d. All ringers welcome. The 'Reliance' bus from Newbury Wharf at 2.30 for this meeting, returning 7.30 p.m. from Brightwalton.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury, Berks.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Central Branch. —A meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs, on Saturday, February 6th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.45. Short evensong 6. Please advise Mr. A. J. Abrams, number for tea. Very good train and bus services all ways.—F. Warrington, Dis. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Northern Division will be held at Balcombe (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. per head. Half rail fare to members, maximum 1s. 6d.—O. Sippetts, 10, Albany Road, Crawley, Sussex.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 6th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—R. Park, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Feb. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Fakenham on Feb. 6th, to dedicate an oak peal board, recording a muffled peal rung as a tribute of respect to the late F. T. Cooke, a former ringer at Peterborough and Fakenham. Service at 3.30. Bells (8) available 2.30 till 8 p.m.—R. W. Cooke, Hempton Green, Fakenham.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Bournemouth, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Also St. Peter's, available from 6.30 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Sec., 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Heversham, to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 6th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Penistone (8 bells) to-morrow (Saturday), Feb. 6th. For tea please notify Mr. A. Champion, 9, Shrewsbury Road, Penistone. All welcome. Bristol for practice.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield 7.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing St. Clement Danes', Strand, Feb. 7th, 10 a.m.; Bow, Cheapside, Feb. 28th, at 5.30 p.m. Practices: St. Clement Danes', Feb. 15th, and Mar. 1st, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Mary, Lambeth, Mar. 2nd, at 8 p.m.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The sum 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 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 16th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's on the 25th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The meeting advertised for Cheshunt is postponed until Feb. 13th. All previous arrangements stand for this date.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 13th, at St. Mary's Church, Brecon. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5. Tea supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

NATIONAL GUILD OF POLICE RINGERS. — Annual meeting at Liverpool, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing: St. Francis Xavier's R.C. Church, Salisbury St. (8 bells) 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.; St. Nicholas' Church (12 bells) noon to 12.45 p.m., 2.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. and 6.45 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) 1 p.m. prompt. The Lord Mayor of Liverpool (Alderman Denton) will give a reception to the party at 3 p.m. at the Town Hall. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m. Business meeting 5.45 p.m. Social 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. All at the Bear's Paw Restaurant, 53, Lord Street. Members, please make special effort to attend. Hearty invitation to all ringers. Please notify Chief Inspector J. Meldrum, City Police, Prescot St. Station, Liverpool, by Feb. 10th. Subscription for 1937 now due.—Inspector H. J. Poole, Hon. Sec., Wayside, Narborough Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Chichester on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Half rail fares, maximum 1s. 6d., to members.—F. H. Meeten, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, North Street, Worthing

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, followed by tea (1s.) and business meeting at the Duke's Head. Will those requiring tea please send numbers to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Feb. 10th and not go to the Institute from force of habit?—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Drakelowe, Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those who intend to be present please notify me not later than Thursday, Feb. 11th? Subscriptions for 1937 are now due and may be paid at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec., 20, Beaconsfield Road, Canterbury.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Yalding (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 2.30. Service at 5. Tea at the Bull 5.30. Please send a postcard for tea to Mr. H. Mills, High Street, Yalding, by Wednesday, Feb. 10th. Every ringer welcome. Bourne Surprise, Double Court, or plain fare according to taste, but come and try it!—A. Waddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Fryerning on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Ingatestone bells also available in the evening. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 10th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. If you intend being present, will you make a note that the tower is not open until 6 p.m.? Now, chaps, show your interest and please turn up. — J. Porter, 11, Chesham Bank, Huntley Mount Road, Bury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual meeting, Feb. 13th. Ringing: Shoreditch, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Bow, Cheapside, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Lawrence Jewry, E.C., 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes', 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 to 7 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Preacher, Lord Bishop of Stepney. A good attendance is requested. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting and handbell competition 7.15 p.m. Latest time for reservation for tea Wednesday, Feb. 10th.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify me not later than Wednesday next. Business meeting to follow.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing at St. Mary's (8) 3 to 5 p.m.; St. Giles' (8), 3.30 to 4.45 p.m.; St. Laurence's (12) 4 to 5 p.m. Service at St. Laurence's 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. per head, 6 p.m., at St. Mary's Church House, followed by meeting at 7 p.m. Please let me know by Feb. 10th how many for tea.—E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Light six. On bus route. Names for tea to Mr. W. H. Trueman, 22a, St. Philip's Road, Upper Stratton, Swindon, Wilts. — W. B. Kynaston, Hon. Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Ipplepen, Newton Abbot, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting in the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 9th. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch for Newport Pagnell Deanery. — A meeting at Stoke Goldington, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 2.30 begin; 4 service; 4.45 tea at the Rectory for those who send a p.c. to the Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Feb. 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea, 9d. each, at 5 p.m. in schools.—Wm. A. Wood, Hon. Sec., Fosseway, Croft.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Earls Barton (8) on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Lancaster Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Low Bentham on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., price 1s. 3d. All members and friends are cordially invited to attend.—E. Swain, Hon. Sec., 29, Beecham Street, Morecambe.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Feb. 13th. The bells will be ready at 2.45 p.m. Will as many as can attend this meeting?—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Broadhead, Church Street, Cawthorne, near Barnsley, not later than Thursday, Feb. 11th? A hearty welcome to all. — Daniel Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Bromham on Saturday, February 13th. Bells (8) ready from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be very welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Dis. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS. — Annual meeting at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, Saturday, Feb. 13th. Tower open 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Subscriptions due, please. — I. B. Thompson, Hon. Sec., 52, Lace Street, Nottingham.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755). — Bi-quarterly meeting will be held at Shirley Parish Church, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Sat., Feb. 13th, East Markham (8). Methods for practice: Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, etc. Please send a card for tea to R. Towler, Ollerton Road, Retford.

POUGHILL, near Bude, N. Cornwall.—On Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Suffragan Bishop of Barking, followed by a ringing festival. The ring of six has been recast and rehung in a new framework by John Taylor and Co.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—First meeting of the year will be held at Wychbold, near Droitwich, on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) recently rehung, available from 3 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea in the Vicarage Room at 5 o'clock, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Business meeting afterwards. Please send word by Tuesday, Feb. 16th.—Geo. E. Large, Branch Sec., Grange Cottage, Hawford, Worcester.

LAUNCELLS, near Stratton, North Cornwall. — On Thursday, Feb. 25th, at 3 p.m., the bells will be re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Truro. Ring of six rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 49th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6 p.m. prompt, when the chair will be taken by Rev. H. McGowan, M.A., Vicar of Aston. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends 6s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and Aston Parish Church (12) will be available from 3.30 to 5 o'clock. Application for tickets, accompanied by remittance (latest date 25th inst.) should be made to Thomas H. Reeves, Hon. Sec., 136, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham 11.

LEICESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES. — Annual dinner will be held at the George Hotel, Clock Tower, Leicester, Saturday, Feb. 27th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 9d. (limited number) must be applied for by Wednesday, Feb. 24th, latest. — H. Perkins, Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —Annual dinner to be held at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C.1, on Saturday, Mar. 13th. Ladies very welcome. Tickets (5s. 6d. each) now available from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler or from J. E. Bailey, 26, Wilmot Road, Dartford, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary Announcement.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Pilgrim Street, Newcastle, on Mar. 13th. Details later. — K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PROPOSED DINNER, Watford.—Time not allowing for the necessary arrangements, the committee have postponed the dinner till next year.—Committee, Watford District, Herts Association.

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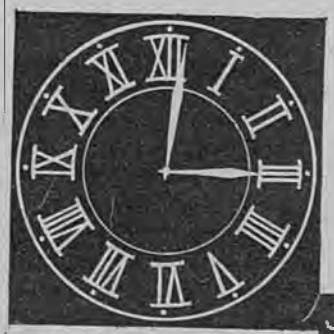

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