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ATTENDANCE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS

If the trouble were taken by all District Secretaries to analyse the attendances of individuals at association meetings, we wonder what proportion of the actual membership would be found showing their active interest and support in this direction? We are prompted to ask this question as the result of certain statistics presented to a ringers' meeting on Saturday, when it was revealed that in a district with over 160 members, the main support had come from seventeen only. The district in question is not geographically large and presents no unusual difficulties in regard to communications, yet the figures showed that, all told, less than a quarter of the members took the trouble to attend any meeting. We have no doubt there are many areas where, if an analysis were made, similar facts would come to light. In every association there are ringers who loyally support the meetings arranged for their interest and benefit, and every secretary knows his 'regulars' who are the backbone of whatever success may attend a gathering. We are far from suggesting that meetings miss their object when the presence of the stalwarts has to be solely relied upon, but they would serve an even more useful purpose if 'new faces' were constantly appearing.

The wider the attendance at meetings, the more are officials encouraged, and let it not be forgotten that officials need and deserve encouragement. They carry the burden of the day; they have to do the work; they are the people who are grumbled at if things go wrong, but members seldom think how disheartening it is when, after all the labour expended, those for whose benefit everything has been done fail to respond. The very idea behind district meetings is to bring these gatherings close home to the members; to give them facilities for meeting and ringing such as centralised management could not be expected to provide, particularly in big associations. There never was a time when ringers of all classes were given so many opportunities to get together for mutual practice and social intercourse, and yet many fail to grasp these occasions to expand their knowledge and make a growing circle of ringing friends. Those who miss the social side of ringing do not know the full pleasure of being a member of the Exercise, but even though they are content to miss this phase of it, they should at least feel it a duty to support their association's meetings. Sometimes ringers complain that they get nothing out of membership of a Guild; that is because they put nothing into it, except, perhaps, an annual subscription. They would get interest and pleasure in abundance if they would make the most of the facilities provided and join their fellows in district and

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other gatherings. They would also, probably, get their ambition stirred and their knowledge increased. In any case they would show some little appreciation for the work which is done voluntarily for them.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28¾ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS BEVAN	... 7
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS ...	2	GEORGE W. STEERE ...	... 8
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	ROBERT HEAZELL ...	... 9
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	4	EDWARD J. BEER ...	... 10
NORMAN SUMMERHAYES ...	5	HARRY HOVERD	... 11
THOMAS NEWMAN...	6	*FREDERICK ARNOLD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24¼ cwt.

SIDNEY T. HOLT... ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. LEWIS ...	... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	... 8
GEORGE E. LARGE	3	JOHN S. MASON	... 9
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ...	4	BERT HORTON	... 10
FRANK E. HAYNES	5	HARRY BOSWELL	... 11
*MALCOLM MEVILLE	6	GEORGE E. FEARN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK E. HAYNES.

* First peal of Stedman.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD ...	...*Treble*	*THOMAS E. SONE ...	... 6
CHARLES H. SONE	2	FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	7
WILLIAM WENBAN	3	†WALTER DOBBIE ...	... 8
PERCY PAGE	4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ...	... 9
HARRY BAKER	5	WILLIAM BUTTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

* 50th peal of Grandsire. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. The composition, No. 158, is now rung for the first time.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

CIVIL SERVICE POSTAL PEAL.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

*HENRY J. RANZETTA...	...*Treble*	ROBERT W. GREEN ...	... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	JOHN W. UNWIN... ...	... 6
ARTHUR JONES	3	†GEORGE C. GOODMAN	... 7
*FRANK A. N. HALSTED ...	4	THOMAS R. DENNIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. This is the first peal by a band of Civil Servants. They are also members of the Postal, Telegraph and Telephone services.

HADDENHAM, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church on Saturday, January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): W. H. Fussell 1, Miss D. R. Fletcher 2, Miss K. E. Fletcher 3, G. Martin 4, R. Blaby (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, H. Wingrove (conductor) 6, R. Biggs 7, W. Henley 8. Rung after a peal attempt had failed.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, January 28, 1937, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb. in G.

SIDNEY FLINT	*Treble*	NOLAN GOLDEN	5
GEORGE MAYERS	2	*CLIFFORD BIRD	6
*GEORGE SAYER	3	HENRY TOOKE	7
CECIL V. EBBERSON	4	CHARLES H. MOORE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by N. GOLDEN.
* First peal of Triples. Cecil V. Ebberson's two hundredth peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
AND THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.
On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

SIDNEY BRIGGS	*Treble*	BERNARD DITCHER	5
HAROLD KENT	2	STANLEY SLANEY	6
JESSE MOSS	3	GORDON GRAHAM	7
BEN COOPER	4	NORMAN CHADDOCK	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by NORMAN CHADDOCK.
First peal in the method on the bells and first peal in the method by all except treble and tenor ringers.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, January 31, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

*JACK R. HINDRY	*Treble*	*WILLIAM R. WEST	5
BERTIE W. MARSH	2	WALTER J. FORD	6
*HERBERT LASKY	3	*FREDERICK R. WILLEY	7
JOHN A. GODFREY	4	ERNEST V. BLAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.
* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 1, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS	*Treble*	JOHN WHEADON	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	DEREK M. SHARPE	6
MRS. GEORGE H. CROSS	3	JAMES E. BAILEY	7
HARRY HOSKINS	4	HARRY HOVERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert E. Audsley, who unfortunately was indisposed and unable to ring.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (4th observation). Tenor 16 cwt.

*TREVOR M. RODERICK	*Treble*	FRANK ROWSELL	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	†ALFRED W. WRIGHT	6
EDWARD T. BAILEY	3	ERNEST STITCH	7
CHARLES H. PERRY	4	ROBERT E. COLES	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
* First peal and first attempt. † 50th peal.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LUTTERWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

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

Composed by E. W. TIPLER. Conducted by ALAN R. PINK.
The first peal in the method, of which Mr. E. W. Tipler is the author.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KNEBWORTH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES
Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.
This is the first peal in the method and was rung without previous practice.

BUSHEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM CROSS	*Treble*	†PERCY L. PARSLOW	5
REGINALD C. H. CONNOLLY	2	EDWIN JENNINGS	6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
*WILLIAM SEELEY	4	‡HENRY SOUTHALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. JENNINGS.
* 100th peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' ‡ First peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

GEORGE H. ROBERTS	*Treble*	ERNEST E. WHITMORE	5
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	BURLEY P. MORRIS	6
CHARLES W. BIRD	3	BERNARD G. SADDINGTON	7
GEORGE W. JEFFS	4	WILLIAM J. WHITMORE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by W. J. WHITMORE.

BURLEY, LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in B flat.

*HERBERT ASHTON	*Treble*	THOMAS W. STRANGEWAY	5
GEORGE W. SLACK	2	JOHN W. SCHOLEFIELD	6
FRANK RAYMENT	3	JOSEPH THACKRAY	7
*KENNETH SIMPSON	4	LEONARD DRAKE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. BARBER. Conducted by LEONARD DRAKE.
* First peal in the method. Rung to welcome the Rev. F. J. Lindley, B.A., late curate, on his return as Vicar, also as a mark of appreciation of the services of Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., on his completion of 25 years as president of the association.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*DENNIS HOLLOS	...*Treble*	JACK LER	5
JOHN MEADOWCROFT	2	VERNON SYKES	6
JOHN MEADOWCROFT, JUN.	3	IVAN KAY	7
OGDEN MOORES	4	ALWYN TAYLOR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by VERNON SYKES.

* First peal at first attempt. Rung as a token of farewell to Ernest B. Sykes, brother of the conductor, late member of the Oldham Parish Church company, who has joined His Majesty's Navy.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS-OF-CANTERBURY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT E. LOCK	...*Treble*	R. GORDON CROSS	5
FRANCIS E. TAYLOR	2	MISS MARIE R. CROSS... ...	6
RICHARD A. POST...	3	REV. C. ELLIOT WIGG ...	7
WALTER F. JUDGE	4	REV. ALFRED G. G. THURLOW	*Tenor*

Unconducted.
Umpire—Mrs. Albert E. Lock.
First 'silent' peal by all the band.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

RAYMOND G. COUSINS	...*Treble*	HENRY T. WILSON	5
JOHN H. CRAMPION	2	ERNEST W. FURBANK	6
F. DONALD BOREHAM	3	JACK A. WAUGH	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	4	EDWARD D. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, PRITTLEWELL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. PERRY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM DUDLEY	5
STANLEY BAYBUTT	2	FRANK B. LUFKIN...	6
ROBERT WATTS	3	ALBERT E. NORTH	7
WALTER D. TAYLOR	4	GORDON A. BACON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. TUCKER. Conducted by FRANK B. LUFKIN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITWELL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 16, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob, rung alternately, seven different callings.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILLEY	...*Treble*	JOHN A. GODFREY...	4
WILLIAM COPEMAN	2	WILLIAM R. WEST	5
CHARLES E. COPEMAN... ...	3	ERNEST V. BLAKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

GREINTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, January 29, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, with five different callings.

LEONARD PARTRIDGE ...	...*Treble*	REGINALD SPARKS	4
FREDERICK THOMPSON... ...	2	CHARLES PARTRIDGE	5
ALBERT ARTHUR	3	RONALD POTTICARY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. PARTRIDGE.
First peal by all the band.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, January 30, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Morning Star, College Bob IV., Old Oxford, Wath Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HARRY JOHNSON... ...	...*Treble*	CYRIL R. BURRELL	4
*JOHN R. YOUNG	2	*WILLIAM WILKINSON ...	5
ARTHUR YOUNG	3	*JOHN R. KEMP	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN R. YOUNG.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and the tenor ringer's son.

WORSLEY, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE	...*Treble*	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD	4
FRED GRUNDY	2	ERIC YATES	5
CHARLES RIDYARD	3	KEITH WELSBY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal of Kent Minor by all the band, also first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung on the front six.

LOUGHBOROUGH.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, February 2, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH	...*Treble*	JOHN P. FIDLER	4
LESLIE STEVENS	2	G. RONALD EDWARDS	5
CHARLES ALLSOP	3	COLIN HARRISON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

HENLOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

*LAURIE WILTON	...*Treble*	JOHN CHURCH	4
†STANLEY GRAVESTOCK ...	2	PERCY TOMPKINS	5
FRANCIS BEAUMONT	3	LEWIS H. BYWATERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. H. BYWATERS.

* First peal in seven methods. † First in seven methods 'inside.' All are of the local band.

ELSHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, February 4, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Seven different 720's. Tenor 7¼ cwt.

*HAROLD JUDD	...*Treble*	*ERNEST BRITTAIN	4
*FRANK LORD	2	*GEORGE DOBBS	5
GEORGE E. FEIRN	3	JACK BRAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss K. Bowness, of Bigby

NORTON-SUB-HAMDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In seven different extents. Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*ARCHIBALD T. C. OSBORNE	*Treble*	WALTER H. POOLE	4
†FREDERICK FARRANT... ...	2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE	5
DOUGLAS W. RANSON ...	3	GILBERT W. RENDALL...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

BARLBOROUGH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

One extent each of Sandal, Kingston and London Scholars' Pleasure Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOHN E. STURMAN	...Treble	FRANK VERNON	4
HAROLD DENMAN	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
*RICHARD F. REECE	3	CLIFFORD A. VESSEY	...Tenor

Conducted by CLIFFORD A. VESSEY.

* First peal in seven methods.

SWANBOURNE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, combined 360's of Double Oxford and St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob, and 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

HARRY WINGROVE	...Treble	WILLIAM WELLING	4
KATHLEEN E. FLETCHER	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
DOROTHY R. FLETCHER	3	TONY PRICE	...Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells.

THORPE-LE-SOKEN, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 6, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE	...Treble	URBAN WILDNEY	4
*GEORGE JENNINGS	2	HORACE A. WRIGHT	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	EDWARD E. DAVEY	...Tenor

Conducted by E. E. DAVEY.

* First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the new treble was added and believed to be the first peal in the tower. It was rung as an 81st birthday compliment to Mr. William J. Nevard, who entertained the band to tea after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 1, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

IN THE CHOIR VESTRY ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

ALFRED BALLARD	1-2	ERNEST MORRIS	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	FREDERICK E. WILSON	7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS	...9-10		

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. G. Stedman Morris, and a granddaughter for 'Joe.'

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 3, 1937, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT 20, ABERDEEN CRESCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BROADSHEET, No. 5. Tenor size 17 in B flat.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK	1-2	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5-6
HAROLD JACKSON	3-4	ALFRED BARNES	7-8
PETER LAFLIN	...9-10		

Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.
Witness—Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

(Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.)

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, January 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: T. Grice 1, E. Spiller 2, F. Leeson 3, B. Baker 4, H. Springate 5, L. Head 6, H. Travers 7, C. Norris 8, W. Simmonds (conductor) 9, C. Gorham 10. The conductor thanks the local band for the invitation to conduct this quarter-peal, his longest length in the method as conductor.

FOR BEGINNERS.

TRY TREBLE BOB.

There are always a number of six-bell ringers who, either by lack of opportunity or want of initiative, seem to stick at Bob Minor. They seldom go to other towers, and if they do are not prepared to try anything beyond what they already know; indeed, it is often because their knowledge is so restricted that they will not go to other towers for fear of showing up their limitations.

Well, this inferiority complex is all wrong. It discourages effort to make progress. There are lots of things that Bob Minor ringers could ring, with very little difficulty, if they would put their minds to it but steps in ringing seem to be standardised to some extent, and the next stage to Bob Minor, in six-bell ringing, is usually Treble Bob.

The man who can ring an inside bell to Plain Minor should be able with very little study to ring Treble Bob. When ringing the plain method he knows how to dodge in 3-4 or 5-6 when he comes to the proper positions; he knows, also, how to lead and make 2nd's place.

If he wants to ring Treble Bob—and no one should stagnate on Bob Minor—this knowledge can be usefully applied, and can form the basis of the new work.

In Plain Bob the dodging comes once in every lead; in Treble Bob there is a continuous succession of dodges. In a sense, therefore, the dodging is easier, because instead of having to find the right position once every lead, in Treble Bob you just dodge in every dodging place as you come to it—what you really have to learn is when *not* to dodge.

A dodge in Treble Bob is exactly the same as a dodge in Plain Bob, that is you go back one step, when you reach 4th's or 6th's going up, and 5th's and 3rd's coming down. In certain circumstances, also, you dodge in 1-2, or 'on the front' as it is sometimes called.

If you are practising Treble Bob as a band of beginners it is not a bad thing to grasp the general idea by ringing a 'dodging lead.' You may, perhaps, have got your first ideas of Plain Bob by ringing a 'plain hunting course'; apply this to the Treble Bob principle. All the bells (treble included) dodge in every dodging place as they come to it. The treble, for example, begins by dodging in 1-2 up, then in 3-4 up, then in 5-6 up, before lying a whole pull behind; then in 6-5 down, 4-3 down and 2-1 down before leading a whole pull. The other bells do the same from their respective positions, the 'odd' bells (3 and 5) going up and 'even' bells (2, 4 and 6) down. This 'dodging' lead will give a repetition of changes, but for the purpose of practice it will not matter; it will teach you how to find your way from one dodge to the next.

The easiest of the Treble Bob methods to ring is Kent. It is produced by two deviations from the continuous dodging which you had in the 'dodging lead'; one is that a bell stays 'on the front,' alternately leading a whole pull and lying a whole pull in 2nd's place, from the time the treble goes away from its dodge in 1-2 until it returns to dodge in 2-1. The other deviation is that, while the treble is 'on the front' (dodging down in 2-1 and then, after leading, up in 1-2), the two pairs of bells which come together in 3-4 make places instead of dodging; the bells going up making 3rd's and 4th's, and the bells going down making corresponding places in 4th's and 3rd's.

To begin with it may be as well to remember that the places *down* are made after dodging 5-6 up with the treble, or passing the treble in 4-5. The places up are made after passing the treble in 2-3 or dodging with the treble in 1-2 up—this latter you do after you come out of the 'slow work,' as the alternate leading and 2nd's place-making is called.

And one other thing. The slow work prevents any dodging on the front except with the treble, so that after dodging in 4-3 each bell goes straight to lead and straight out to 3-4.

All this may seem rather a lot to remember, but we have gone into some detail with the explanation because we want you to understand how the method is made up. Try and write out a lead or two to see how it goes. Here is half a lead to give you a start:—

123456
213465
124356
214365
241635
426153
421635
246153
264513
625431
624513
265431

Briefly put, the rules for ringing the method are: When you dodge in 2-1 with the treble, stay in the 'slow' until the treble returns to you. Then, having dodged with the treble in 1-2, make 3rd's and 4th's going out.

In the next lead, pass the treble in 2-3, and again make 3rd's and 4th's. Except for this always dodge in 3-4 and 5-6 both up and down until you pass the treble in 4-5, then make 4th's and 3rd's coming in; and again in the next lead, having dodged in 5-6 up with the treble, make 4th's and 3rd's, which brings you to dodge on the front with the treble and so into the 'slow.'

There is *no* dodging in 1-2 except with the treble. The places in 3-4 are made the 'wrong way,' that is backstroke and handstroke.

A DISTRICT SECRETARY'S STRAIGHT TALK

GUILDFORD GUILD MEMBERS 'ENJOY' A CASTIGATION.

Suggested Cathedral Bell Fund Scheme.

Another of the district secretaries of the Guildford Diocesan Guild has 'unburdened his soul' in his annual report. This time it is the secretary of the Guildford District. Every year the members of the district attend their annual meeting with the sense of lively anticipation of 'things to come,' and they are never disappointed. Mr. G. L. Grover's habit of 'calling a spade a spade' leads to outspoken criticism. Last Saturday the members again enjoyed their 'castigation,' and at the close passed a genuinely sincere vote of thanks to their secretary for his labours and his report.

Here are some points from the report, and they will probably interest others than the members of the Guildford Guild, because there must be many other associations who suffer, more or less, from the same kind of apathy, which is the burden of this report.

'Judged from the balance sheet and the number of members who paid subscriptions for last year, a casual observer would say that the district has jogged along satisfactorily during the last year. No special payment having been made in the past year, the balance in hand has increased to £25 6s. The number of ringing members paying for 1936 was 163, as against 171 who paid for 1935, not a great loss considering one tower fell out altogether. Our list of honorary members continues to shrink; only 11 paid for 1936, as against 17 in 1935. I do remind you all, and tower secretaries in particular, that local effort is almost the only possible means of obtaining and retaining honorary members.

'Five district meetings were held and only on one occasion (that, unfortunately, the very occasion when we required an exceptionally good attendance) was the attendance of district members startlingly poor. Although, as I say, the position judged from the balance sheet, the list of members and the fact that no district meeting was an absolute "wash out" does not look too bad, but beauty, after all, is often only skin deep, and a closer analysis of the situation reveals a state of affairs not too encouraging to district officers.

'We lately appear to have lost, at any rate for the time being, two towers from which in previous years we have always had a fair number of subscriptions. It is a great pity to lose towers like this and we really ought to make a great effort to avoid such things.

'To my mind the district is not held together very securely. We are a long way as yet from having achieved that first object of the Guild, namely, "To unite in one organisation the separate companies of church bellringers within the district for the purpose of mutual support and encouragement."

'There are now five towers in our district from which we have no members at all, and there are four further towers with less members than they have bells.'

SUPPORT OF DISTRICT MEETINGS ANALYSED.

The report then went on to give an analysis of the manner in which the district towers supported their district meetings. By a process of awarding marks for attendances at meetings away from their own towers, the secretary had arrived at a schedule which must have surprised the members.

The best tower had 15 marks, which meant 15 attendances at meetings during the year, but the comment here was that four members from that tower earned all the marks. In practically every case the attendances were made by just a very few of the members, and in the case of ten towers who made no attendances the report said it was 'all a waste of postage stamps and the secretary's time so far as concerns district meetings.' The report proceeded: 'Five members made four attendances each, eight members three each and four two each, so that 17 members actually formed the backbone of district meetings—17 out of 163! Does it look as if the majority of our members are doing anything towards helping "to unite in one organisation the separate companies in the district"? How can you contribute to unity if you stand isolated? It seems that most of our members look upon the payment of a subscription as being their only duty to the Guild, and upon their own tower, not as being part of a district, but as an isolated self-contained centre.

'I trust,' continued the secretary, 'that you will not go away tonight convinced that everything is going on smoothly without your help and that you can leave the district officers and those 17 members who saved our district meetings last year to keep things going during this coming year. I trust that all the district members will this year make a genuine and very determined effort towards attaining real unity and being a real source of encouragement and support to their fellow-ringers. I do not ask you even to hope that you will make every ringer in the district into a faultless producer of changes, but I do ask you to do quite a lot more towards making the district an organisation and not just a collection of towers, each filled with ringers who think that they, by their own unaided efforts, are better than their neighbours.'

Referring to the question of peal ringing, the secretary said: 'I will give you a few details and leave you to form your own opinion as to whether our efforts in peal ringing are any sign of progress as regards the district as a whole. Eighteen district members took part in peals during the year, and of that number only three rang in four or more peals. Only four towers are represented in the list of peal ringers. There was one first peal. The circle of towers for peal ringing was limited to five.'

The report referred to a scheme for the interchange of visits on practice nights by neighbouring towers which had been initiated, and the hope expressed that the scheme was being carried out, although no reports had been received as to its progress

NEW CATHEDRAL BELLS FUND.

The secretary, in conclusion, drew attention to the New Cathedral Bell Fund, which the Guild inaugurated three years ago. That the Cathedral when completed shall have a peal of bells hung for ringing is, said the report, a matter which merits the earnest attention and efforts of the Guild, and I am not really sure that our New Cathedral Bell Fund is given enough prominence. For your very serious consideration I suggest that we recommend to the Guild that each tower in the Guild be invited to subscribe an annual minimum sum to the fund. The minimum could be the very modest sum of 1s. per tower. My proposition is, therefore, that the Guild be asked through its Executive Committee to consider the possibility of obtaining annual contributions to the Cathedral Bell Fund from towers in the diocese, and, if thought practical, to arrange accordingly.

The Ringing Master, in his report, stated that in the towers which he had been able to visit Sunday service ringing appeared to be maintained, even if practices were not so regular. The custom of some towers in dropping summer practices might be the cause, as he had found it was often difficult to revive them when autumn arrived. If practices were maintained during the summer even only to a limited extent, say once a fortnight or once a month, it would do much to help keep interest alive, especially among the younger members. A good deal had been mentioned lately about keeping the interest of learners. It appeared that some interest besides ringing was needed to keep them in the belfries. Several boys or young men who were 'pals' were more likely to attend frequently than one who had no special 'chum' learning at the same time. He thought that if a learner was really interested in ringing he would do his best to become proficient by attending all the service ringing and practices in his own tower, and, what was more important, by going out to other towers on practice nights as often as possible. He would receive a hearty welcome wherever he went.

The report added that tower captains always emphasised that they were pleased to see visitors at all times, and sometimes they bemoaned the fact that no outside ringers went near them. Perhaps if they took the initiative and went out themselves, more interchange of visits would result. A large number of ringers never visited any other tower.

The report went on to refer to the five district meetings which were held, to the reopening of the recast bells at Chiddingfold and Shalford, and to the eleven tower-bell and two handbell peals rung during the year.

The meeting, which followed ringing and service at S. Nicolas' Church, was attended by about 50 ringers.

Thirty-three district members were present from eleven towers: Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Guildford (Cathedral and S. Nicolas'), Haslemere, Pirbright, Shalford, West Clandon, Woking, Wonersh and Worplesdon. Other towers represented were Aldershot, Bagshot and Chertsey, and visitors included Miss Oakshett and Mr. F. Oakshett (Hayes) and Mr. J. Bennett (Catford).

Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild) presided over the meeting, at which the loss of members by death was first referred to, and regret marked by those present standing in silence.

The accounts, which showed £16 8s. from ringing members' subscriptions and £1 7s. 6d. from hon. members, revealed an increased balance of £4 14s.

In the discussion which followed the hon. secretary's report, members reported on the result of the interchange of visits between towers on practice nights, and in several cases this seemed to have worked satisfactorily, but in others lack of local interest had led to failure to establish successful working.

It was decided to adopt the hon. secretary's suggestion to extend the appeal for the New Cathedral Bell Fund, and also (subject to the approval of the general meeting of the Guild) to vote £5 from the district funds for the purpose.

The Secretary's and Ringing Master's reports were formally received.

All the district officers were re-elected, and the ringing members chosen for the Executive Commitee were Messrs. W. Melville (Cathedral) and R. Cherryman (Pirbright).

The eight-bell towers of Chiddingfold, Godalming, Shalford and West Clandon, and the six-bell tower of Albury, were chosen for meetings during the forthcoming year. The secretary caused amusement after the selection of Albury (19 votes) over Pirbright by asking those who voted for this tower for their names, so that he could check up their attendance when the meeting took place.

Messrs. E. and J. Denyer (Ewhurst), W. Cone, J. Webb, J. West, A. W. Barley and G. Riddle (S. Nicolas', Guildford) were elected members of the Guild.

The Guild officers were renominated en bloc, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the district officers for their service.

The Rector of S. Nicolas' was thanked for the use of the bells and conducting the service, and the preacher, the Rector of West Clandon (the Rev. M. O. Boyd) for his address. Thanks were also accorded to the authorities at the Cathedral for the use of the bells during the afternoon. After the meeting there was further ringing at S. Nicolas' Church.

WILLIAM PYE MEMORIAL.

DISPOSAL OF THE BALANCE.

The receipts and expenditure account of the William Pye Memorial Fund is given below. It has been audited by Mr. G. W. Fletcher, hon. secretary to the Central Council.

The disposal of the balance of the fund, amounting to £8, was considered by the Memorial Committee at a recent meeting, and, after several suggestions had been discussed, it was unanimously agreed to record one of the late William Pye's greatest performances, viz., the 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, to which he rang the tenor, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on December 19th, 1925. It is hoped that the authorities at that church will agree to this, and permit an appropriate footnote to be placed on the tablet as a memorial to William Pye, from the Ringing Exercise.

The Memorial Committee take this opportunity of thanking all subscribers to the fund. The generous response made by the Exercise enabled them to carry out, without stint, all that they desired, and the results have given the utmost satisfaction. It is hoped to place a record of the work, a list of the subscribers and a copy of the accounts amongst the church records at St. John's, Leytonstone.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
Donations, as acknowledged in 'The Ringing World'	222	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

Gillett and Johnston, two trebles, with inscriptions, retuning other bells, etc. (as per estimate)	179	0	0
Supplementary estimate, to comply with requirements of Diocesan Architect	6	0	0
Diocesan Architect, fees and expenses	3	18	0
C. Mee, memorial tablet	8	0	0
Faculty fees	5	5	0
Printing service forms, per Canon Brown	6	6	0
Acknowledgments and notices, 'The Ringing World'	2	12	0
Expenses, postage and stationery, hon. secretaries and treasurer	3	9	0
Balance remaining	8	0	0
Total	£222	10	0

C. T. COLES and E. J. BUTLER, Hon. Secretaries.
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER, Hon. Treasurer.
J. A. TROLLOPE, Chairman.

DEVON SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY G. LINDOFF.

5,024 CHANGES.

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12463857					
21648375	52436	—			
26143857	64523	—		—	—
62413587	56342	—		—	
26145378	36245			—	
26413587	43265	—			
62431578	24536	—		—	
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32465187	35426				—
23456817	64352	—		—	—
24358671	36452				—
42536817	43652				—
45238671	26435	—		—	—
54328761	42635				—
53427816	64235				—
35248761	52643	—		—	—
32547816	65243				—
23574186	26543				—
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First rung by the Suffolk Guild at Helmingham on Friday, January 8th, 1937.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' for evensong on Sunday, January 17th, 1,264 Bob Major: Arthur White 1, E. W. Bugden (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, F. Taylor 3, W. Upton 4, P. Long 5, A. Jackson (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, A. Brading 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8. Ringers of 3 and 4 from Newport, remainder belong to the local band.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Peals in two fresh Surprise methods are recorded this week, Lutterworth, by Mr. E. W. Tipler, at Old Windsor, and Knebworth, by Mr. H. G. Cashmore, at Aldenham.

Mr. Alfred E. Pitstow, one of Saffron Walden's veterans, took part in a peal at Shoreditch on Saturday. It was his first peal with the Royal Cumberlands for 45 years.

The handbells used at the meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths were brought by Mr. C. W. Taylor, of Watford, an hon. member of the Herts County Association. Although not a ringer himself, Mr. Taylor is keenly interested.

Congratulations to the Oxford Diocesan Guild band, which included one lady, who rang an unconducted peal of Stedman Triples at Goring-on-Thames on Saturday. We would like to see more such performances in other guilds and associations.

The North Staffs Association has already taken steps to organise peals in celebration of the King's Coronation. At a meeting last Saturday plans were laid, and it was suggested that any peals rung during May should be recognised as 'Coronation peals.'

A CONTRAST IN BELL BROADCASTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On reading the correspondence and explanation re the above in last week's issue, it struck me that, while you gave a brief explanation of the case in point, you did not go to the root of the matter raised by your correspondent, Mr. D. G. Taylor.

Bells are not fitted with dampers like a piano, and, therefore, will always be liable to produce the roar complained of, just the same as a piano would if forced to emit the 1812 Overture with the loud pedal fastened down.

Bells are apparently at the mercy of the engineer in charge of the broadcast. If he is resourceful enough or lucky enough to find a spot for the 'mike' where it can pick up just the necessary amount, and no more of the disturbance than is required, well and good; if otherwise, well, the roar will be there, Simpson or no tuning at all, and I would suggest to any listener seeking a fresh stick to beat Simpson tuning with, that he postpone any further correspondence until after March 7th next, when I believe there will be a good answer to this query if he will tune in to Droitwich at 9.25 a.m.

T. GROOMBRIDGE.

A MODEL PERFORMANCE.

Dear Sir,—Surrey, Lancashire and the B.B.C. all played their part nobly on Sunday. The Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were beautifully struck and came over the air to perfection. Also in the evening we were permitted to hear Bolton bells go off from rounds into changes and finish up with a few rounds at the end. Altogether a model performance.

F. LL. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

POPULARISE GOOD METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I associate myself with your excellent leading article of January 29th, with which I am fully in agreement? The number of Surprise methods worth ringing, rung and still to be rung is legion. In this corner of the country many Surprise Major methods have been rung, some 12 of them for the first time. Practically all of these are worth popularising. In order to become popular it seems to me that a method must fulfil the following conditions: (1) It must be easy to learn; (2) it must be musical, given the right composition; and (3) it must lend itself to the production of plenty of good compositions. Now Ashtead Surprise Major stands out in the Surprise class, for it has a clean proof scale and all the before-mentioned attributes. Will all the 'Cambridge' ringers try it and see if they don't agree with me?

Mr. G. E. Symonds asks for a few methods which extend from six or eight to twelve as well as Cambridge does. May I refer him to the Rev. E. Bankes James' 'Painswick,' a most musical Surprise Major method. The extensions to ten and twelve have not yet been rung, and I am sure are well within the capabilities of the Ipswich band.

Let us now hear some recommendations from somebody for the Plain methods.

ALAN R. PINK.

Windsor.

VICAR SPOILS HIS 'FAREWELL PEAL'

On Sunday week, as a farewell to the Vicar, the local band at Christ Church, Eastbourne, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples. The band consisted of all youngsters, and would have included three 'first pealers.'

All went well until after 3 hours 5 minutes, with only five calls to go, when the Vicar (who had obtained another key) walked into the centre of the tower and commenced a speech of thanks to the ringers. This was too much for the 'first pealers,' and 'stand' had to be called.

Apologies followed, of course, but it was a very disappointed band that came down from the tower.

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL BELLS.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN AT RECASTING CEREMONY.

Distinguished Visitors at Croydon Foundry.

The first of the new bells for Birmingham Cathedral were cast at Croydon Bell Foundry on Tuesday morning in the presence of a distinguished company, including no fewer than six of Birmingham's Members of Parliament, headed by Sir Austen Chamberlain. The others were the Rt. Hon. L. S. Amery, Comdr. J. A. C. Wright, Sir Patrick Hannon, Mr. E. W. Salt and Mr. J. Smedley Crooke. They were received at the Foundry by Mr. Cyril Johnston and Mrs. Johnston, and the other guests included Mr. H. G. Williams, M.P. for Croydon, and Mrs. Williams, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, Dr. Newnham (town clerk of Croydon) and Mrs. Newnham, Mr. H. Berney, D.L., J.P., Mrs. Berney, and others.

The visitors were first escorted on a tour of the works, where they saw the various processes of bell-making in operation. The massive frame for the Cathedral bells was under construction, and it is obvious that the founders are providing a structure which is going to 'do its job' perfectly. Another frame which was of great interest was that destined for Darlington. It is 'the bell frame of the future,' all the members being welded instead of bolted together. This is a comparatively new departure in bell-frame construction, but it has great possibilities.

Many bells and frames in process of preparation were on view, but the visitors found the new 5½ ton bourdon bell and the four quarter bells for the great clock at Giza, near Cairo, an 'exhibit' of great interest.

The visitors assembled in the foundry for the casting, and a considerable gathering watched the operations, silver coins being tossed into the molten metal, as it was poured, by Sir Austen Chamberlain and others. The bells cast were the 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th of the peal, and the coins had been specially provided by the principal donor of the bells, Sir Charles Hyde, those selected being of a 'purer vintage' than those in common use to-day.

MESSAGE TO PROVOST.

After the ceremony the interesting clock factory was inspected, and afterwards the M.P.'s with Mr. Cyril Johnston were entertained to lunch at Croydon Constitutional Club by Mr. Herbert Williams and Mr. Henry Berney.

The following telegram was sent to Bishop Hamilton Baynes, Provost of the Cathedral, before the company dispersed:—

'The undermentioned have authorised me to send the following message

CYRIL JOHNSTON,
Gillett and Johnston, Ltd., Croydon.

'Good luck to new peal of ten bells, some of which we saw cast successfully this morning.

(Signed) AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.
L. S. AMERY.
PATRICK HANNON.
SMEDLEY CROOKE.
E. W. THORPE.
J. A. C. WRIGHT.'

BELLS TO BE LOWER IN THE TOWER.

The bells are to be completed in time for the Coronation rejoicings, and the new tenor will be slightly heavier than the old one—about 31 cwt. They will be brought eight feet lower in the tower, thus adding strength to the building by the scientifically constructed frame and the reduced strain on the walls. There will be the further advantage, that the noise immediately outside the tower—an important factor in a busy city—will be substantially reduced.

The old inscriptions are to be reproduced, with the addition of 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1937.'

Treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th and 9th record that Thomas Lester, of London, cast them in 1750. The 3rd also bears the couplet:—

'At proper times my voice I'll raise,
And sound to my subscribers praise.'

Pack and Chapman cast the 5th and tenor in 1772, and Thomas Mears the 6th and 8th in 1796 and 1823 respectively.

The inscription on the new tenor is to be:—

Pack & Chapman, of London, Fecit 1772.
These bells were recast for the Coronation of King Geoge VI.
chiefly through the generosity of Sir Charles Hyde, Bart.
In wedlock band shall ye who join with hands yours hearts unite;
So shall our tuneful tongues combine to laud the nuptial rite.

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CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

We announced last week the election of a new president of Cambridge University Guild. The office became vacant by the death of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who had been the Guild's president from the first year of its existence.

THE REV. A. C. BLYTH, M.A.

The new president is the Rev. A. C. Blyth, M.A., fellow and tutor of Selwyn College, who was secretary and treasurer of the Guild in 1910. The Guild thus has the advantage of having at its head and in the one executive post that can retain continuity, another resident in Cambridge.

Cambridge University Guild was established in February, 1879, as the result of the efforts of Mr. W. G. Pearson, of Clare College. The society was at first called the 'Clare Association of Ringers,' but a few days later was changed to the University Guild of Change Ringers. In May the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey was elected president, and retained the office until his death a few months ago. The other offices, those of Master, secretary and treasurer, have, perforce, to change holders almost every year, as they are held by undergraduates. The names of many men who have since become leading figures in the Exercise appear in these lists.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISPOSAL OF COLLECTIONS AT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, January 30th, when some 50 members braved the inclement weather and put in an appearance. Good practice was obtained in various methods during the afternoon and evening by ringers from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, St. John's (Deptford), Deptford, Dartford, Eltham, Erith, Lee, Lewisham, London and West Wickham.

Service was conducted by the Rev. V. S. Dodson, Th.L. (curate), and the organist and a small choir were in attendance. A collection for the Association's Benevolent Fund realised 12s.

After service the members were the guests at tea of the Vicar and churchwardens. The curate presided, and regretted the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) through indisposition.

The business meeting was opened by the chairman (the Rev. V. S. Dodson) with prayer. Later he gave a short and much appreciated address (time not being allowed him to do so during the service) before proceeding with the ordinary business.

Six new ringing members were elected, and the election of two members previous to peal attempts was confirmed.

Mr. F. J. Cullum read a report of proceedings at the committee meeting held at Maidstone in November, and Mr. J. Wheadon expressed his entire agreement with the report, which was adopted with a vote of thanks to the representatives for preparing it.

Chelsfield was chosen as place for next meeting, to be held, if possible, on Saturday, April 17th.

The matter of the disposal of the proceeds of the collection at the meetings was discussed. Some members felt that such occasions put the church visited to quite considerable expenditure, and suggested that all or part of such offerings be allocated to the church expenses fund, to meet, in part, the expense so incurred.

The Chairman explained the legal standing of the churchwardens in the matter of church collections, and gave very useful advice as to method of procedure when it was desired by the subscribers that certain collections should be earmarked for special purposes.

It was agreed that the subject be placed before the Management Committee in order to get some standard practice in all the districts in the association.

The meeting congratulated Mr. E. Barnett on the completion, that day, of his fortieth year as a member of the association.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, curate, churchwardens and the ladies who had arranged the tea, for their generous hospitality; to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the curate, organist and choir for the enjoyable service; to the curate for presiding at tea and meeting; and to Mr. J. Forwood, the local secretary, for the arrangements he had made, were carried with enthusiasm.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S 'SILVER JUBILEE.'

Presentation to Canon and Mrs. Marshall.

The sixty-first annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association, held at Far Headingley on Saturday, January 30th, was made memorable as marking the Rev. Canon Marshall's 'silver jubilee' as president. The bells of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, St. Michael's, Headingley, and St. Matthias', Burley, were available for the use of the visitors, and ringers packed the ringing chambers until, at St. Chad's, they rivalled tinned sardines.

The annual service was held in St. Chad's Church at 4.15 p.m., when the association was honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Ripon. The service was conducted by the president of the association (Canon C. C. Marshall), and members of the choir were also present.

CANON C. C. MARSHALL.

The sermon was delivered by the Bishop of Ripon, who brought with him greetings from the ringers of St. Mary's, Portsea, his former parish, who had written to him saying that they would be thinking of him and the gathering at Far Headingley that afternoon. This kindly thought of the Portsea ringers was much appreciated. His Lordship spoke of the special significance of that gathering, at which Canon Marshall completed 25 years as president of the Yorkshire Association, and of the innumerable ways in which God throughout the ages had tried to speak to man.

Tea was generously provided in the schools by Canon and Mrs. Marshall, a real ringers' tea, and, despite the weather, snow and slush, well over 200 ringers and friends sat down. Among those present were the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) and Mrs. Marshall, the Bishop of Ripon, Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. treasurer), Mr. W. Barton (peal secretary), Mr. G. Lewis (vice-president, Southern Division), Mr. F. Cryer (vice-president, Eastern Division), Mr. P. J. Johnson (vice-president, Western Division), Mr. G. Barraclough, of Leeds, who was present at the foundation meeting of the association in 1875, and a welcome visitor in Mr. H. C. Bond, formerly of Cirencester and now of Hull.

As the Bishop had to leave soon after tea, it had been arranged that the presentation to the president in appreciation of his 25 years of untiring work for the association should be made immediately after tea instead of at the business meeting.

PRESIDENT'S SERVICES TO THE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said it was his privilege to voice the appreciation and gratitude of the members that day for the 25 years' devoted service which Canon Marshall had given to the association. It was his privilege to have known some of the earliest officers of the association, and at the last presentation of that kind, in 1912, they had present some of the officers who had been original officers of the association. He was pleased to say that day they had at least one member present who was present at the foundation meeting of the association in 1875, Mr. G. Barraclough (applause). They of the Yorkshire Association took pride in the fact that with the exception of the Devon Guild theirs was the senior county association in England. Their first president, J. W. Snowdon, in his short 11 years as president, was remembered for the principles of change ringing laid down in his books, which to-day were still recognised as the standard text books in the Exercise. To follow men like him and his brother, William Snowdon, was no easy task.

He had known Canon Marshall to be invited to all parts of the county to advise on bell restoration, and it was anything but a profitable speculation when he became president. Much of the work he did was unseen, and the good feeling between the association and the district societies was mainly due to the president (applause). Special commendation was due to him for his efforts to come to an understanding with the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.

They would like him to know, proceeded Mr. Johnson, that the interest in this presentation was very widespread, not for the intrinsic value of the presents, but as an expression of goodwill and thanks for all Canon Marshall had done during his presidency.

The only person who knew how long a ringer was away from home was the ringer's wife (laughter). They had bought a small present for Mrs. Marshall for lending out the Canon on so many occasions in the past and in anticipation of further favours to come (laughter and applause).

CANON MARSHALL THANKS THE MEMBERS.

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Turning to the Lord Bishop of Ripon, Mr. Johnson said, 'May I ask you, my lord, to present these to Canon Marshall from the members, and we do hope whenever he sees them they will remind him of his many happy associations with us and our appreciation of his many kindnesses to us.'

The Bishop then handed a clock and a pair of binoculars to Canon Marshall and a leather bag to Mrs. Marshall, at the same time expressing his own appreciation of what Canon Marshall had done.

Amidst applause Canon Marshall accepted the gifts, and expressed his grateful thanks for them, saying they would always remind him of the many happy times he had spent with the bellringers of Yorkshire. When he accepted office he did so in fear, but he had received such uniform kindness from the officers and members that he was proud of the extraordinary goodwill which existed among them. He would ever be grateful to those ringers at Birstall who first persuaded him to take up ringing.

Three things stood out with regard to his ringing career. First, he was brought into contact with a wonderful number of people whom he was proud to call his friends; second, his office as president of the association which had taken him all over the county; thirdly, it had enabled him to do a piece of church work which someone had to do and which it seemed he was called upon to do. There were many personal memories of which he would like to speak, but he would conclude by saying, 'Thank you very, very much.' He was proud of that day and of all that it meant (applause).

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the business meeting which followed, a vote of thanks to the respective incumbents and churchwardens for the use of the bells that day was carried, as was also the hearty thanks of the company to Canon and Mrs. Marshall for the generous tea provided that day, and to the ladies who had so kindly helped at the tea tables.

In presenting the annual report, Canon Marshall alluded to the debt of gratitude they owed to Mr. W. Barton, the peal secretary, for the vast amount of work he did in compiling his report. A pleasing feature of the report was the number of peals rung by entirely local bands and also the peals rung in towers and districts which had been 'dead' to the association for many years. There had been a net gain of 31 members during the year.

The report was accepted, as was also the auditors' report, and the auditors (Mrs. Cotterill and Mr. F. G. Sherwood) thanked for the work they had so kindly and thoroughly done.

Mr. S. F. Palmer was re-elected hon. treasurer for a further term of three years.

Eleven new ringing members and one honorary life member were elected.

After discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting on May 1st jointly with the Sheffield and District Society.

It was agreed that a copy of the proposed alterations of rules should be sent to each tower, and any unattached member who required a copy could have one by applying to the general secretary.

Mr. Sherwood suggested that an attempt should be made to visit towers where at present the association had no members.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. T. Latimer and J. Ewbank.

A vote of thanks to the chairman brought to a close a memorable and happy gathering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association recently held at Apsley, although the annual one for the district, was very poorly attended.

Mr. A. V. Good was appointed chairman, in the absence of the Vicar. The secretary (Mr. W. Ayre), being willing to carry on, was re-elected. The Ringing Master and District Committee were also re-elected. Messrs. H. L. Waite and W. C. Hughes were elected to serve on the General Committee.

The next meetings were arranged as follows: February 20th, Hemel Hempstead; March 20th, Redbourn.

The secretary was asked to write a letter of congratulation to Mr. F. Norris, of Berkhampstead, on ringing the old year out and new year in for the 62nd time.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., to Mr. F. Tompkins for the tea arrangements, and to the two Wendover visitors.

The secretary reported a very successful year of ringing, though mainly done by the Apsley band. Tower-bell peals: 12 methods of Minor (Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise); seven Surprise Minor (both half-muffled for H.M. King George V.); Little Oxford Major (first peal in the method); Bob Minor; 14 methods spliced (first in county and by the band); nine Surprise Minor; Double Norwich; three Minor methods; seven Surprise Minor; Oxford Treble Bob Major. On handbells: Bob Minor (in a charabanc), three, five and seven methods of Minor, and Double Bob Major. The Apsley band had also rung touches or 720's in 44 methods, 30 of which were Surprise, for Sunday services and practices.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the meeting, after which further ringing took place in a variety of methods.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE RECONSIDERED.

The North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Saturday week at St. Augustine's Church, Kilburn, and the first touch of winter did not encourage the 'fine weather' ringers to turn out. Consequently the attendance was below the average. However, nearly 50 braved the elements and enjoyed some good ringing on the light peal of eight bells.

The usual meeting of the District Committee was held in the afternoon, and was followed by a short service, at which the Rev. B. F. Shepherd preached on the text 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do; do it with all thy might,' which he applied to our religion, our daily work, and our ringing. The lessons which the preacher drew from his text might, so far as ringers are concerned, be thought of seriously by many who take their ringing in a lackadaisical way.

After tea, the business meeting was held, with Mr. G. W. Fletcher (vice-president) in the chair. He was supported by several officers of the association, including the Master (Mr. A. W. Coles), his fellow-vice-president (Mr. J. A. Trollope), Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. W. H. Oram (hon. treasurer) and Mr. G. R. Goodship (assistant secretary).

The hon. treasurer submitted a satisfactory balance sheet, showing excess of receipts over expenditure amounting to £5 12s. 10d., and assets to the value of £108 16s. 1d.—This was adopted.

Two honorary and fourteen ringing members were elected, the latter including the members of a newly-formed band at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, who were receiving tuition. Two elections made prior to ringing a peal were confirmed, making a total of eighteen.

To show respect for members deceased since the last meeting of the district, all present stood in silence for a few moments.

The whole of the district officers were re-elected, as well as the three representatives to serve on the Central Committee, the auditor and the trustees of stock.

The Chairman moved a resolution requesting the Central Committee to examine the existing rules of the association, particularly those governing finance, with a view to revision, the committee to report at the annual general meeting. In doing so, he asked members to consider whether the finances of the association could not be used to better advantage. At present one district of the association and the Central Fund were hard pressed, whilst another district was fairly well off.

This point of view was supported by the hon. secretary and Mr. G. R. Goodship, and the proposal was carried.

APPEALS FOR VOLUNTEER HELPERS.

In connection with Coronation ringing, the hon. secretary said he thought it difficult to arrange much special ringing, as local bands would no doubt be anxious to ring at their own towers. He urged that the members of each band should do their utmost to get their bells rung on that occasion; at the same time it was possible that many unattached ringers would be glad to know where they might ring. To these he appealed, asking them to let him know, and he would do his best to see that they helped to make up a band for that great occasion.

Mr. Coles also asked ringers who were free on Sundays to assist the band at St. Giles-in-the-Fields for morning ringing at 10.20, and to help at their practices on Mondays at 7.30.

Mr. W. E. Tucke supported this.

Mr. E. M. Atkins asked for similar help at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on Sundays at 10.15 a.m., and on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the district at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The arrangements for the next meeting were left in the hands of the hon. secretary, with a preference for St. Ann's, Stamford Hill. Should the meeting be held at that tower, the special method for the occasion to be Double Stedman Slow Course.

The Chairman proposed votes of thanks to Father Atkinson (Vicar) for the use of the bells; to Father Moncrieff for assistance at the organ; to the Rev. B. F. Shepherd for preaching; and to Mr. E. M. Atkins for arranging the meeting. Mrs. Atkins and friends were also cordially thanked for arranging an excellent tea. The votes were carried in the usual way, and were replied to in turn by Father Moncrieff, on behalf of the Vicar; by the Rev. B. F. Shepherd, who, as a ringer, expressed his great pleasure at being present; and by Mr. E. M. Atkins, on behalf of the Kilburn ringers.

The hon. secretary appealed to tower secretaries to send him, as early as possible, particulars of ringing times, and of quarter-peals rung during 1936 for the annual report.

During the meeting Mr. Fletcher asked that members should volunteer for instruction work, and appealed to any willing to do this to send in their names to the hon. secretary.

After the meeting several members took part in some handbell ringing, whilst the bells at Kilburn and Willesden were used for some excellent practice, the special method for the day, St. Clement's Bob Triples, being in great demand.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO CHANGE PLACES.

The North-Western District of the Surrey Association had a successful day on Saturday, January 30th, when they held their annual meeting at Streatham. The attendance totalled 65 members, representing most of the towers in the district, with visitors from the Southern District and from Hillingdon, Middlesex and Uckfield, Sussex. This attendance rather overtaxed the available accommodation, both in the belfry of St. Leonard's Church (a chamber about 10ft. square) and at the Manor Arms, where tea was served, and where the members, having once sat down, had to 'stay put' until the meal was over, it being impossible to move or pass between the tables. However, these were regarded as just temporary inconveniences which ringers know best how to get over, and were made the subject for much joking and 'leg-pulling.'

The association was welcomed to St. Leonard's by the Rev. P. R. Wansey, M.A., himself a ringer, who, in the absence of the Vicar, conducted the service. In the course of a short address he said that bellringing was not only a great art, but also a great religious service in itself. As ringers they could never know the extent of that service, for he liked to believe that, in addition to calling faithful Christians to worship Sunday by Sunday, the ringing of the bells served to revive in the breasts of those who now seldom attend a place of worship the remembrance of former Christian teaching, and, perhaps, in some mysterious way, rekindle a desire to return to the old church. Religion was a harmonising thing. Bells, when they were properly rung, were also harmonious, for all the bells worked together in an ordered purpose, and what we wanted more than anything else to-day was religion and harmony amongst men. He wished the association 'good luck' in its work.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea at the Manor Arms, presided over by Mr. D. Cooper, the District Ringing Master.

Eight new members were elected.

The treasurer's balance sheet, showing a small balance of £10 10s. in hand for district expenses, was approved.

The committee's annual report was read and adopted, and the following places of meeting were chosen for the ensuing year: Easter Monday, March 29th, Croydon Parish Church; Saturday, June 5th, Epsom (Christ Church); July 24th, Ranmore (joint meeting with Leatherhead District of Guildford Diocesan Guild); September 25th, Lambeth and St. John's, Waterloo Road; November 27th, Mitcham Parish Church; January 29th, 1938, Kingston-on-Thames (annual).

The following were elected as district officers: Master, Mr. D. Cooper; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Simmons; hon. secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. R. A. Simmons; three representatives on District Committee, Mrs. C. H. Kippin, Mr. H. V. Young and Mr. W. H. Hewett.

The question of nominating general officers was next on the agenda, and in this connection a letter was read from the Master, Mr. D. Kenneth C. Birt, to the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Kippin) informing the meeting that he was much better in health and that he would be pleased to carry on as Master of the association for another year. This was received with general satisfaction, and the meeting was told that Mr. Birt had been nominated for re-election at the Southern District meeting on the previous Saturday at Reigate.

The names of Mr. A. T. Shelton and Mr. D. Cooper were also submitted for election to the position of Master of the association.

Mr. Shelton was also nominated for election as general treasurer.

Mr. C. H. Kippin informed the meeting that he did not wish to seek re-election as general secretary. After 10 years in that position he was of the opinion that, in the interest of the association, a change should be made, and he forthwith nominated Mr. E. G. Talbot, the present assistant secretary, for the post. This was seconded and carried.

Mr. Kippin said that he was willing to act as assistant secretary for one year. His nomination for that position was immediately made.—Mr. G. W. Steere was nominated for re-election as auditor.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks, a special reference being made to Mr. J. W. Chapman, of St. Leonards, who had carried through all the arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

After more ringing at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, the remaining company adjourned to The Pied Bull, where handbell ringing and community singing was enjoyed until 10.30 p.m.

LADIES' GUILD.

MID-WEEK MEETING AT LEYTONSTONE.

A most enjoyable mid-week meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Wednesday, February 3rd, at St. John's Church, Leytonstone. About 20 members and friends attended, and methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were rung. The Vicar (Canon Brown), who had kindly made all arrangements for the tea, welcomed the members and conducted them to a local tea shop, where their wants were amply satisfied.

After the evening ringing a service was held at which Canon Brown gave a short address. This was much enjoyed by those present, and was a fitting conclusion to a very happy time.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his interest and help and to the local ringers who met the visitors.

RETIREMENT OF MR. W. T. PATES.

RELINQUISHES LEADERSHIP OF CHELTENHAM BAND AFTER 36 YEARS.

Mr. William T. Pates, the Cheltenham veteran, has retired from the leadership of the Parish Church bellringers, of whom he has been captain since 1891.

He will be 84 years of age on the 28th of this month, and has been a ringer for over 60 years. Throughout his long career Mr. Pates has been one of the great enthusiasts for ringing, and among his big performances have been the 13,054 of Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888, and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters in the same tower in 9 hours 43 minutes on April 22nd, 1889, which he conducted. At that time it was the longest peal of Caters ever rung. There was a friendly rivalry between Appleton and Cheltenham, and in the previous December the Oxford men, with J. W. Washbrook as conductor, had rung 15,041 Stedman Caters.

Mr. Pates was one of the band who set up the 'old age' record at St. Olave's, Hart Street, London, in October, 1933, when a company, all College Youths, rang a peal of Stedman Triples at the average age of over 76 years.

Mr. W. Dyer, of 69, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Pates as captain of the Cheltenham company.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

RINGING MASTER'S FIFTIETH ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held their January meeting at St. James' Church, Wollaston, near Stourbridge. There were about 45 members present, including visitors from the Western Branch of the association. A short service was held with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Bamber), whose remarks made clear the fact that he had more than a passing knowledge of ringers and ringing. Tea was partaken of in the schools nearby, after which the usual business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vicar.

It was decided to hold the next branch meeting at Netherton, or at Kinver should Netherton not be available.

Mr. William Short, Association Ringing Master, proposed that the quarterly peal be attempted at Wollaston and that the arrangements be in the hands of Mr. J. Bass.

Ten new members were elected, there being nine performing and one life member.

The tea was provided by the Church Council, and a vote of thanks was passed to them for their hospitality and to the Vicar for permitting the meeting to be held at Wollaston.

Before the meeting closed, Mr. William Short paid to the secretary his 50th subscription to the association. He also exhibited the receipt which he received for his first subscription.

Upon the proposition of the chairman, the congratulations of the meeting were given to Mr. Short, to which he suitably replied.

A number of the ringers then went to the tower for further ringing in a variety of Doubles and Minor methods, while several others remained behind for handbell ringing.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NORTH NORFOLK BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The North Norfolk Branch met for the annual election of its officers at Wymondham on Saturday. Members were present from Buxton, Halvergate, Hethersett, North Walsham, Norwich, Reedham, Saxlingham and Great Yarmouth, and included Mr. A. L. Coleman, general secretary and treasurer; Mr. W. L. Duffield, chairman of the South Norfolk Branch, and Mr. J. G. W. Harwood, hon. secretary of the East Norfolk Branch.

The Rev. F. Jarvis, Vicar of Wymondham, conducted a shortened form of evensong, and gave a most inspiring address on the service of ringing and the needs of man.

At the business meeting, the Rev. H. W. Benson, Vicar of Buxton, was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch and thanked for his past services. Mr. N. Golden, branch secretary, and Messrs. H. F. Carter, G. Bailey, W. J. Clover, W. C. Duffield and G. Mayers, members of the committee, were all re-elected, while Messrs. Bailey and Duffield were asked to serve again on the Central Committee of the association

Mr. W. C. Duffield moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the members the use of the bells. Mr. N. Golden, in seconding the motion, expressed the gratitude of the ringers of the diocese to the Rev. Jarvis for the welcome he had always given them and for so kindly arranging a service, which he (the speaker) felt sure everybody had enjoyed.

In reply, the Vicar said he appreciated the words spoken, but he had considered it a duty to give permission for the use of the bells, and remarked that the members rang bells better than they sang hymns.

During the afternoon and evening a number of 'touches' in a variety of methods were brought round, and several members took part in their first 'touches' of Erin Triples and Duffield Major.

It is hoped that the South Norfolk Branch will attend the meeting on April 24th at Redenhall, the Rector, the Rev. B. M. Pickering, having kindly consented to conduct a service at 4 p.m. The methods selected for practice are Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Court.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NEW RECORDS IN NORTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild was held in the City of London and proved very successful, with some very good ringing achieved during the day.

The ringing took place during the afternoon at the twelve-bell tower of St. Giles', Cripplegate. Rounds on ten, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Stedman Cinques and Kent Treble Bob Maximus were rung. Several members rang their first touches on twelve bells.

At the business meeting the district officials were able to report on the most successful year's work in the history of the district. Five Saturday meetings were held, with an average attendance of 32, a record for the district, the previous best being an average of 27 in 1933.

The Stepney meeting created a record for the district, some 50 members as well as several visitors being present. Five mid-week practices were held, with an average attendance of 26.

For the fourth year in succession the cash statement showed a record balance.

The secretary, in presenting the report, said he thought it could be said that the district was now in a strong position, and that the improvement which started four years ago, after a long period of semi-stagnation, had steadily increased. It was hoped that this improvement would continue.

In his report, the Master said the striking at the meetings, although far from the desired perfection, had greatly improved. A district outing, arranged as an experiment, was held in September. Several Essex towers were visited, and the venture proved a great success. Friendly relations with neighbouring associations had been maintained and it was hoped to arrange some joint meetings in the near future. Regular monthly ringing for Sunday evening services had taken place at Cripplegate and St. Mary-le-Bow on the second and fourth Sundays respectively.

The Master thanked all those who had assisted to make the year's work so successful.

The election of the district officials resulted as follows: Master, Mr. J. A. Waugh; hon. secretary, Mr. J. G. A. Prior; treasurer, Mr. R. G. Cousins; steward, Mr. E. Holman; committee, Messrs. C. A. Hughes and G. W. Cecil.

An invitation from the secretary of the Holloway band to hold the April meeting at that tower was accepted.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the incumbents and steeplekeepers at Cripplegate and Holborn for permission to ring and for the arrangements made.

The members then went to St. Andrew's, Holborn, where they were met by the popular and genial steeplekeeper, Mr. J. S. Hawkins. Various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major were rung on the fine-toned ring until 8 p.m., when the meeting concluded.

During the day favourable comments were made about the broadcast from St. Dunstan's, Stepney, on a recent Sunday, by members of the association, including eight of the district members, six of whom were members of the young local band.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

COMBINED PRACTICES AND DISTRICT PEALS.

In order to encourage combined practices in the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association the vice-president and secretary are to draw up a list of towers and submit a scheme to the members.

District peals are also to be attempted, the first of these being Grandsire Triples at Gateshead on February 13th.

These steps were decided upon at a district meeting, attended by nearly 30 members, at Benfield, when among the methods practised were Double Oxford Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The next meeting of the district is to be held at All Saints', Newcastle, when Erin Triples is to be the method for special practice.

LOSS TO THE DISLEY BELFRY.

The death took place suddenly on Wednesday, January 27th, of Mr. A. T. Marsland, secretary of the Disley (Cheshire) ringers. He had been a ringer at the above tower for over 30 years, and was also a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The late Mr. A. T. Marsland was possessed of a quiet, unassuming manner, but had a ready smile for all comers. He will be greatly missed by his fellow-ringers.

The funeral took place on Saturday, January 30th, at St. Mary's Church, Disley. The bells were rung fully muffled while the cortege was proceeding from deceased's home to the church. Afterwards his fellow-ringers rang a peal of Treble Bob Minor with the bells fully muffled.

WEST WICKHAM, KENT.—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, on Wednesday, January 20th, a quarter-peal of Doubles in four methods (1,260 changes), comprising one six-score of Stedman, two of April Day, four of Plain Bob and 3½ of Grandsire, all six-scores being called differently: J. Page-Wood 1, P. S. Davis (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 2, W. Hollamby (first quarter-peal of Doubles) 3, H. Mackinder 4, A. S. Richards (conductor) 5.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Northern District. — A combined practice will be held at SS. James and Basil, Fenham, on Friday, Feb. 12th, at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—K. Arthur, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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

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.—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. 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. 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.—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Div. Sec., 6, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

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. Business meeting to follow.—G. Lambert, Drummond Hay, Moat Road, East Grinstead.

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.

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.

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.—E. G. Foster, Branch Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

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. — A. L. Bennett, Branch Sec., Cornerways, Elliott Plain, Buckfastleigh.

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.

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.

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.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Usual arrangements. All welcome. — J. C. Dean, Hon. Sec., 16, St. Peter's Street, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grimsby District.—Combined practices, all at 6 p.m.: Waltham, Saturday, Feb. 13th, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise; Barton-on-Humber, Mar. 6th, Superlative Surprise and Little Bob; Elsham, Mar. 13th, Single Court, London Surprise and Carlisle Surprise. Look up the methods and come and ring them.—H. Mingay, Hon. Sec.

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; *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.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — West Dorset Branch.—The Langford Memorial Meeting will be held at Bradpole on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: Rev. C. A. C. Streatfeild. Tea at 5.15, followed by meeting. All ringers and friends welcome. Please advise for tea by Thursday, Feb. 18th.—C. H. Lathey, Sec., Malmaison, Middle Street, Bradpole.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Usual arrangements. Please notify me by *the previous Thursday* if you require tea. — W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch and also the 50th anniversary of St. Mary's bells will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Feb. 20th. The bells of St. Mary's (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Usual arrangements.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Chew Deanery Branch. — The bells will be available for a good practice at Porthury from 4 o'clock and also at Easton-in-Gordano from 6 o'clock. Please make a note of the date—Saturday, Feb. 20th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Usual arrangements. Any who have corrections or suggestions for the 1935-6 report should send them without delay to M. Melville, Gen. Hon. Sec., Highfield House, Exhall, Coventry.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (6) 3 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Service 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 17th?—A. S. Tomkins, Post Office, Bredenbury, Hereford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilsborough Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Creaton (5 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Usual arrangements. Please notify hon. sec. not later than Tuesday previous of those requiring tea. — Geo. A. Hollick, Hon. Branch Sec., West Street, Welford, Rugby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The monthly meeting of the district will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells (8) ready 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Gobey, Dis. Sec., Trowell, Notts.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West District. — A meeting will be held at Roydon on Saturday, Feb. 20th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 73, Rye Street, Bishops Stortford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Great Glen on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 17th?—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Audlem (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 20th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Will all those who intend to be present kindly let me know by the 17th inst.?—Rich. D. Langford, Branch Hon. Sec., 6, Laura Street, Crewe.

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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —Next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, February 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Please make an effort to be present. Subscriptions now due. Reports to hand.—S. Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James St., Milnrow, Rochdale.

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.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—A meeting is to be held at Gamston, near Retford, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. All ringers welcome. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify for same by Wednesday, 24th.—E. Dorice Kelly, Hon. Sec., 171, Richmond Road, Sheffield 9.

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.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Margaret's Church, Lowestoft, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at St. Nicholas' House. Business meeting after tea. Send names or numbers for tea. All ringers welcome.—J. G. W. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Rusholme, on Saturday, Feb. 27th. Arrangements to follow later.—J. H. Ridyard, Branch Sec.

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.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, Mar. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock and in the evening. Service 5 o'clock. Tea (1s. per head) at the Institute 5.45. Meeting 6.30. Notifications for tea to be sent to Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, by Thursday, Mar. 4th. All nominations for general officers and notices of motion must be in writing and received by me not later than first post on Saturday, Feb. 20th.—Chas. H. Kippin, Hon. Sec., 10, Courtney Road, Croydon.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH, YORKSHIRE.—Mr. H. Smith, of 4, Abbott Place, Armley, Leeds 12, has been appointed ringers' secretary, and all communications should be addessed to him.

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DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH HANDS.

AN OLD MEMBER OF CAVERSHAM BAND.

As we briefly recorded last week, St. Peter's Society, Caversham, have suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Joseph Hands, who passed away on January 28th, at the age of 79 years.

He had been a member of the band for 53 years, and rang in most of the peals in any of the standard methods with the old Caversham society. He rang his last peal three years ago to commemorate his ringing for fifty years with his old friend, George Essex.

Mr. Hands was a most regular attendant, and was ringing up till Christmas week, when he was taken ill and never recovered, despite every care.

A fine striker, circumstances never allowed him to travel far in pursuit of ringing, but he gave of his best to his own tower. He attended the last annual dinner of the College Youths and was full of delight at meeting so many old friends. He was a most lovable man and respected by all with whom he was brought into contact.

He leaves a widow and eight children to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place on Monday week, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Wood) officiating. The lesson was read by Mr. Hands' old ringing friend, Canon Coleridge, who also took the committal.

The 'whole pull and stand' was rung 79 times by deceased's friends immediately after the service. Many and beautiful were the floral tributes. 'Joe,' as he was affectionately known, has passed, and will always be remembered by his friends as one of 'nature's gentlemen.'

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