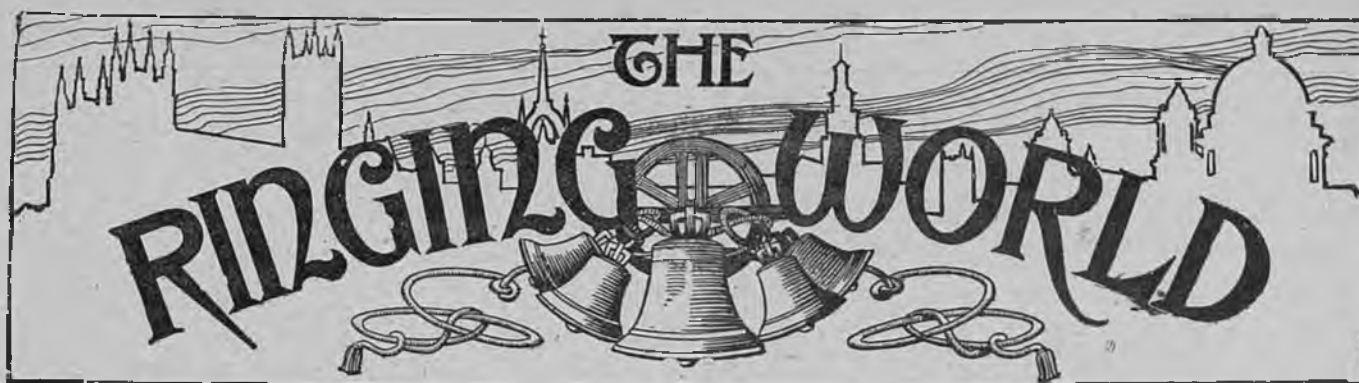




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A STANDARD FOR GOOD STRIKING

What is good striking? That is the challenging question raised by a correspondent in a letter this week. There is no fixed standard by which it can be judged; it is something which good ringers recognise but whose limits they could scarcely define. And yet there is nothing in ringing to which more importance should be attached. One thing is certain, there are far too many ringers who are content with a standard of striking much below the best, although only the best should be their aim, first because only the best is worthy of the purpose for which bells are mainly rung; secondly, because there may be hundreds of listeners whose ears are entitled to consideration. And this takes no account of the added pleasure which accrues to the ringers themselves when the ringing runs smoothly and with unbroken rhythm.

Is there a practical means of measuring that very rare achievement, the 'perfect' touch or peal, by which perhaps a standard might be set? We think the Exercise has been brought very near to it in the recently made gramophone record of Spliced Surprise Major on hand-bells. It cannot be applied exactly to tower bell ringing, because the two things are not quite the same, but, of its kind, the ringing is the most perfect that anyone could hope to hear. If an equally perfect piece of tower bell-ringing could be recorded, there would then be a permanent example of the standard which every ringer should seek to achieve. No one for a moment expects that ringing generally would rise to such a level, any more than one expects an equal level of achievement in any other direction in which the human element enters. But when the question was asked, 'What is good striking?' we could turn on the record and say, 'Listen to this!' At present varying 'grades' of ringers have differing standards of what they would recognise as 'good' striking—we are not referring to those, and unfortunately there are some, who have no standard at all and who are content with their work, whatever noise the bells are making. We are thinking rather of those 'medium' ringers who put varying values on striking, because they have been educated, in the ringing sense, only up to a limited level. These are the people who would benefit in their performances, if something could be done to show them in a practical way what is possible.

We are sometimes told that the advance of method ringing has brought with it a general lowering of the standard of striking. In some respects this may possibly be true, although it is a generalisation which is open to question. But the most competent companies ringing the more advanced methods to-day are, we are certain,

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equally as good in their striking as the best bands ring-
ing the simpler methods were forty or fifty years ago.
These men know what good striking is; but the skill by
which they accomplish it cannot easily be conveyed to
others. It is achieved by a co-ordination of hand and
ear and eye, and the man who cannot co-ordinate them
instinctively may spend a lifetime in ringing without
realising that he is not a good striker. His standard of
good ringing is, therefore, bound to be lower than the
best, and it is because of this that any kind of agreement
on what should be regarded as a minimum for good
striking is almost impossible.

TEN BELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
*SYLVIA R. E. BOWYER ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 7
HOBART E. SMITH ... 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 8
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9
HARRY R. ROPER ... 5	*FREDERICK J. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by Wm. Pye. Conducted by WILLIAM J. G. BROWN.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST AND BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ERNEST SPILLER ... Treble	LOUIS HEAD ... 6
THOMAS W. GRICE ... 2	*WILLIAM A. J. KNIGHT ... 7
*GEORGE A. NAYLOR ... 3	FRANK BELSEY ... 8
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 4	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 9
HARRY SPRINGATE ... 5	BENJAMIN F. BAKER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung in honour of the appoint-
ment of Dr. Francis Underhill (Dean of Rochester) as Bishop of Bath
and Wells.

BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF St. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 1 qr, 10 lb.

*SYDNEY APPLEBY ... Treble	FRANK DEWEY ... 6
*SYDNEY JESSOP ... 2	ARTHUR MACKBEARS ... 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3	WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... 8
GEORGE LADD ... 4	JOHN G. AMES ... 9
SYDNEY PROCTOR ... 5	THOMAS H. HALL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by SYDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung for the annual reunion
service of the Boston Choristers' Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. ANDREW'S GUILD, EARL'S COLNE.)

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 2	H. WALTER SMITH ... 6
FREDERICK RIDGWELL ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	ALBERT WIFFEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY.

Conducted by ALBERT WIFFEN.

The conductor's 100th peal.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

ERNEST J. LADD Treble	ALBERT RELFE 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS 2	CHARLES BRASIER 6
ARTHUR F. LEWRY 3	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 7
FRANK H. HICES 4	JAMES G. POWELL Tenor

Composed by I. G. SHADE.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. One hundredth peal as conductor. A birthday peal for A. Lewry.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL Treble	GEORGE KING 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	EDWARD MILLS 6
ARCHIBALD STEVENSON ... 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM GORRINGE 4	JACK HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Thomas Hoad, a respected member of the local band.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

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

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE GRAY Treble	STANLEY A. CARTER 5
BERNARD H. SWINSON 2	JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 6
THOMAS J. HULL 3	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM 7
ARTHUR DAY 4	BARNARD PAYMORE Tenor

Composed by C. SEVERN.

Conducted by G. W. DEBENHAM.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES ROSE Treble	CHARLES SHERMMING 5
WILLIAM KINSEY 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 6
GEORGE MOSS 3	GEORGE MORE 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	GEORGE A. FLEMMING Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by J. ROSE.

Rung on the 59th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Moss, parents of the ringers of the 3rd.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER, SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in E.

HENRY TOOKE Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	ARTHUR G. BASON 6
ARTHUR H. HOLLIDAY 3	ROBERT W. COOKE 7
WALLACE COUSINS 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR G. BASON.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HOLME LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (7th observation).	Tenor 18 cwt.
*CHARLES H. TOMPKINS ... Treble	REV. E. G. BENSON 5
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	*JOHN D. WORSLEY 6
JOSEPH W. DOWNES 3	ERNEST F. SALMONS 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	*WILLIAM DUGGAN Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST F. SALMONS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

BARKWAY, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, November 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

FREDERICK DENCH Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
REGINALD L. LATHBURY ... 2	ROBERT G. KING 6
FRANCIS GLEAVES 3	LEONARD E. PISTOW 7
REGINALD T. DENNIS 4	JOHN W. WARD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN W. WARD.

Rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

ALL SAINTS' GUILD.

On Monday, November 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor 25 cwt.
ALFRED STEED Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
RONALD G. W. JONES 2	ARTHUR PRINCE 6
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS 3	THOMAS R. GRIFFITHS 7
JOHN A. RANGLES 4	ARTHUR TILSTON Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 18½ cwt.
GEORGE E. FEIRN Treble	ERNEST BRITTAIN 5
FRANK LORD 2	† HAROLD JUDD 6
*GEORGE DOBBS 3	JACK BRAY 7
C. BERT CHESTER 4	*FRED LACEY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'inside.'

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 23, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

ERIC G. BENNETT Treble	FREDERICK C. ROPER 5
WALTER ELSEY 2	ALBERT G. HARRISON 6
*CHARLES V. ORVES 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
NOLAN GOLDEN 4	WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First attempt for a peal on eight bells.

BUSHBY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 25, 1937, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
*FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 5
*WALTER G. PAUL 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3	*EDWIN JENNINGS 7
*FRANCIS KIRK 4	*WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 25, 1937, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*BERTRAM C. HINES Treble	*ALBERT E. W. NORTH 5
HARRY TURNER 2	JOHN SITCH 6
FRANK B. LDEFKIN 3	ALBERT PRYKE 7
ROBERT HEAZEL 4	ERNEST W. FURBANK Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by H. TURNER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method as conductor.

ANSTEY, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*GEORGE E. BOWLER Treble	R. S. WILLIAM SMITH 5
*J. TERRY SMITH 2	ALBAN DISNEY 6
*THOMAS ISON 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
*JOHN E. ADAMS 4	*MISS IVY SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal. Ringers of 1, 2 and 4 are aged 14, 13 and 15 respectively.

WARNEAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in F.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	RAYMOND WOOD, JUN. 6
THOMAS E. DENYER 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
JOHN COOK 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of Walter Charman's first peal.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	C. ERNEST SMITH 6
CHARLES E. BASSETT 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Arranged and rung to commemorate the tercentenary of the society.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5288 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK CORKE Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*MISS E. F. BEDFORD 2	*REGINALD A. REED 6
MISS D. R. FLETCHER 3	HARRY WINGROVE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	Cecil C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. F. Mitchell, a ringer at St. John's, Hillingdon, and as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Gutteridge, of Iwer Heath.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
ALLAN SHORT 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	FRED PRICE 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	JOHN GILSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A birthday compliment to Mr. J. Preston, hon. secretary of the Erdington Parish Church Society.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence's,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART (2nd observation).

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM F. WOODWARD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 5
JOSEPH W. COTTON 2	*WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO 6
WILLIAM H. CURSON 3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY 7
F. GEORGE BAILEY 4	†JAMES W. ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. COTTON.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM FLATT Treble	CHARLES W. LOOME 5
FREDERICK C. GUNTON 2	FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS 6
*CHARLES BAKER 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*FREDERICK ROOPE 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 2½ lb. in F sharp.

HENRY H. FEARN Treble	SIDNEY O'C. HOLLOWAY 5
GEORGE E. FEARN 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
JOHN S. MASON 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	FRANK E. HAYNES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung on Mr. James George's 84th birthday.

THATCHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 27, 1937, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS J. FISHER Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 5
SAMUEL QUINTIN 2	*CECIL P. TILLEN 6
GEORGE STOCKER 3	REGINALD W. REX 7
GEOFFREY FOWLER 4	ALBERT E. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN.

* First peal. Rung as a 75th birthday compliment to Mr. S. Quintin.

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THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 22, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise and five 720's of Oxford Bob, each differently called. Tenor 14 cwt.

JACK LISHMAN Treble	JOHN H. ELLIOTT 4
RAYMOND OLIVER 2	EDWARD HALL 5
CHRISTOPHER T. LAMB ... 3	THOMAS WM. DODD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. WM. DODD.

HAZELBURY BRYAN, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 13, 1937, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE W. DENNIS ... Treble	PHILIP H. TOCOCK 4
*DONALD R. HARVEY 2	WILLIAM C. SHUTE 5
*WILLIAM H. STURMEY ... 3	WILLIAM E. TREVETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. SHUTE.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. J. L. Rhys) on completing 58 years in the ministry.

ELSHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 18, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two extents each of London and Beverley and three of Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*HAROLD MORWOOD ... Treble	GEORGE E. FEIRN 4
MRS. J. BRAY 2	GEORGE DOBBS 5
*HAROLD JUDD 3	JACK BRAY Tenor

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First Surprise peal.

ELSTON, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Double Court, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 20 lb.

JACK C. VESSEY Treble	*FREDERICK HOOPER 4
KENNETH W. MAYER 2	FRANK W. VERNON 5
DOROTHY VESSEY 3	JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. M. J. Huskinson, mother of the local captain.

BINEGAR, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 20, 1937, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A USEFUL NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.**

The meeting held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, November 20th, by the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was by no means overcrowded, not more than 30 ringers putting in an appearance during the afternoon and evening. Quite a number of those present, however, were learners in the strictest sense of the word, consequently 'rounds' became the special method for the day, and much good work was done in coaching these young men, some for the first time with bells open.

A short and enjoyable service was held, with an address by the Rev. Henwood, after which tea and the usual business meeting took place.

At the latter, the chair was taken by Mr. T. J. Lock (District Master), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) explaining that the absence of the vice-president was due to his being away at Great Yarmouth on business.

It was announced that the district annual meeting would be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on January 29th.

A cordial welcome was given to the several young ringers present, from various towers, including St. Ann's, Stamford Hill; St. Michael's, Wood Green; St. Mark's, Dalston; and All Hallows', Tottenham. The hon. secretary urged them to get as much practice as possible by attending association meetings, and promised them a welcome at any time.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. F. Denton Jones) for the use of the bells; to the Rev. Henwood for his address; and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland and Mr. F. E. Platt for their joint efforts as organists. The hon. secretary said that Mr. Platt was learning to ring at Dalston, and on this occasion they were fortunate to have two capable organists, whereas at some meetings they had to sing hymns unaccompanied.

After the meeting the bells were again rung, rounds being much in evidence, besides Edmonton Bob Major, the real special method for the day, Bristol Surprise, Cambridge Surprise and other methods.

HALESOWEN BELLS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the account of the meeting at Halesowen, published in your issue of Nov. 5th, a history of the bells of Halesowen Church was included. For the sake of completing this history of the bells we feel we ought to mention that the eight bells were tuned by ourselves in 1902, at which time we rebung the peal in a new frame.

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STEEP RINGERS' ACHIEVEMENT.**DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD.**

On Sunday, November 14th, at All Saints' Church, Steep, near Petersfield, Hants, the Vicar, the Rev. N. M. Livingstone, D.C.L., M.A., LL.B., dedicated an oak board recording a peal, the first in which any local ringers have taken part. A company of ringers and friends gathered in the belfry at 3.30 p.m., and Mr. W. Higgins (captain of ringers), in a few words of introduction, described the efforts made to achieve their ultimate success.

The board was then unveiled by Miss Pothecary, herself a local ringer, and she congratulated the band who took part, saying that she hoped to see her own name on the next peal tablet erected in the tower.

The board is of light oak with the record in black lettering.

The peal was in three methods of Doubles, viz., Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Grandsire, and was rung by A. E. Warren, G. M. Hunt, Miss A. M. Robertson, W. Higgins and C. E. Bassett (conductor). It was the first peal on the bells by local ringers and a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Knight, for 50 years a service ringer at Steep Church. The ringers of the treble and third scored their first peal.

The Vicar offered prayers of dedication and congratulated the band, who then rang 120 Grandsire Doubles in the peal positions. Other short touches were successfully brought round, Mr. J. Knight taking part.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Brede on Saturday, November 6th. A good number of members attended from Battle, Hastings (St. Clement's, All Saints' and Christ Church, Blacklands), Hailsham, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Hawkhurst, Mr. W. Pickworth, of Hastings, together with members of the local band. Owing to the absence of the Vicar there was no service.

Excellent practice was held both in the afternoon and evening in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, etc., and several members rang their first touches in the method.

An excellent tea was provided in the Church Room, and Mr. W. Franks occupied the chair at the business meeting, at which the following members were elected: H. M. Gibbs, Brede, and W. H. Dartnell, of East Peckham, Kent, as a non-resident life member.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Pankhurst, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. McCall for making arrangements for the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The record performances at Cheltenham, recalled by the tablet just unveiled commemorating Mr. W. T. Pates' services to that church, is a reminder of the rivalry that went on in the late 'eighties of last century between Cheltenham and Appleton.

Appleton, 12,041 Stedman Caters, February 5th, 1888; Cheltenham, 13,054 Stedman Caters, March 21st, 1888; Appleton, 15,041 Stedman Caters, December 31st, 1888.

Appleton, 13,265 Grandsire Caters, April 11th, 1888; Cheltenham, 15,227 Grandsire Caters, April 22nd, 1889.

Incidentally next Wednesday is the anniversary of the previous record of Stedman Caters, the 'five ones' (11,111) at Fulham in 1883. Messrs. C. F. Winney and F. E. Dawe are the only survivors of that peal rung 54 years ago.

Their ringing friends will join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. R. C. H. Connolly, of Watford, on the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Connolly learned to ring at Wollaston (Stourbridge) and rang her first peal there. Until recently Mr. Connolly was a member of the North Stoneham band.

'GOOD STRIKING.'

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—For some time now your columns have contained many references to the value of good striking, and I have often wondered what is 'good striking'? I mean, what is the standard to aim at? I know what perfect ringing is. I have heard very, very little, and have rung, I think, in none. Twenty-five years' experience has taught me to do certain things, but I place myself within the 'medium-to-poor' class of striker. And I ask myself: How many are there, whose striking is no better than mine, who are unable to realise their limitation? Dozens and dozens—I have 'stood behind' and listened, with a pair of 'fair' ears.

What, then, passes for good striking? In his many criticisms, the president of the Council and Master of the College Youths, Mr. E. H. Lewis, has flayed us alive, and, for my personal satisfaction only, I hope, one day, unknown to 'stand behind' him! But, in the meantime, I wonder if he would tell us whether the Caters from St. Clement Danes, in the recent broadcast 'Bells over London,' should be considered 'perfect,' 'indifferent,' or merely 'good striking'? In such a case it should, of course, be 'perfect,' but I should be most interested to see it defined by the Master of the society.

GEORGE L. JOYCE.

Hornchurch.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A 'LOCAL' PEAL?

A VILLAGE PROBLEM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if you or any of your readers could help us to solve a little trouble arising out of a peal we contemplate ringing in the near future. Here is the argument: Ringer A is a ringer residing in this parish, but is a member of a neighbouring ringing band. Ringer B is a member of the local band, but resides in another parish. If we include A in the band for the peal, could we record this as a local peal? Should we substitute ringer B for ringer A, would this still be called a local peal? What does constitute a local peal? I must confess this friendly debate on the pros and cons of a local peal has caused a lot of deep thinking on the part of the ringers of this parish.

'VILLAGE RINGER.'

THE LEADER AND THE LEARNER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been interested in reading the letters on teaching and keeping beginners. Your leader of November 19th, together with the note in 'Belfry Gossip' relative to the action of the ringers at Knaresborough, Yorkshire, also provides interesting reading where the question of maintaining the personnel of the belfry is concerned. All three of these subjects have, more or less, a connecting link.

In the first instance, the cause of many a beginner losing heart is due to a leader who has not the patience to take part in simpler methods for the benefit of his learner. No ringer who puts the art before self should be too proud to ring any method or any number of bells. There is one feature at meetings which reminds me of the fable of the stork dining with the wolf, where neither animal could get on with the other's crockery. Ringers from eight-bell towers are often dissatisfied if the meeting is at a five-bell tower, and ringers of Doubles feel rather out of it if they visit a tower where they are expected to ring Stedman Triples or stand down.

Until all ringers are prepared to ring any bell or method, and with any other ringers, this state of affairs will ever remain the same.

I admire the Knaresborough ringers for the stand they have taken and consider that they have acted in the right manner. Too many people in these days seem to think they can treat ringing as something we are paid for doing. Hard and fast rules are not practicable in voluntary work of any kind.

Stringent ideas are generally the work of people who love to think themselves important. They are calculated to do more harm than good, and usually they are the first to 'grouse' if there is a falling off of interest.

Northampton.

P. AMOS.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. J. D. DREWETT.

Tributes to Former Master.

On Saturday the Surrey Association honoured the memory of a former Master, the late Mr. James Douglas Drewett, of Mitcham, where there was a formal unveiling of a board recording a muffled peal rung in the Parish Church after his death. Mr. Drewett, in 1913, succeeded the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter as Master and occupied the office until his death in 1928.

But Mr. Drewett was more than a Master of the Surrey Association, his was a life of service to others. He served his Church in various offices, as churchwarden, as leader of the ringers, as steeplekeeper and in other capacities; he served his fellow-citizens in many ways and sat on numerous public bodies as their representative, but he was, withal, a humble man. There was no greater pointer to his kindly character than the fact that he gave up every Sunday afternoon to visiting lonely sick people in hospital.

He had a lifelong association with Mitcham Parish Church, and his grandfather and father before him were ringers. His eldest son, Douglas Walter Drewett, was following in his footsteps when he was killed in the last year of the Great War, and the proceedings on Saturday were almost unique in that memorials to both were unveiled at the same service.

The oak peal board, written in gold on a black background, is worded as follows: In faithful remembrance of James Douglas Drewett, J.P., 1854-1928. He was, following in the steps of his father and grandfather, for upwards of 50 years a faithful and proficient member of Mitcham Parish Church Society of Change Ringers. Ringing Master of the Surrey Association 1913-1928; churchwarden 1922-1928. Called aside to higher things on the 27th October, 1928. In memoriam, on All Saints' Day, 1928, in 3 hours, was rung on these bells a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples: Miss E. M. Moss, treble; William S. Langdon, 2; David Wright, 3; Herbert Tourle, 4; William H. Joiner, 5; Thomas Groom-

bridge, sen., 6; William S. Smith, 7; John Lott, tenor. Conducted by W. S. Smith.

Something like a hundred ringers attended the gathering, many of them, of course, old friends of the late Mr. Drewett, but the limited space of the ringing room, approached by a 'Jacob's ladder,' only held a small number for the actual unveiling, which was performed by the Vicar (Rev. C. A. Finch). A short touch was rung on the bells and the remainder of the service took place in the church, where, first of all, a marble tablet bearing the following inscription was unveiled and dedicated: 'Sacred to the memory of Douglas Walter Drewett, 1st Cameron Highlanders, who fell in action near St. Quentin, October 3rd, 1918. "Their name shall remain for ever."' Above was the badge of the Camerons and below the regimental badge.

The unveiling took place in the presence of several members of the family of the deceased, and afterwards the hymn, 'Let saints on earth,' was sung. A short service followed, the lesson being read by the Master of the association (Mr. D. K. C. Birt). The Vicar gave an appropriate address from the words, 'Whatsoever ye do do it heartily as to the Lord and not as to men.' He welcomed the Surrey Association to Mitcham, and, referring to the late Mr. J. D. Drewett, said that whatever he did he did in the spirit of the text. Ringing, to him, was a piece of work for the Church; something done for God. He tried to walk worthily and he set an example of worship; for he came from the bell chamber down to the body of the church. His example was one which ringers should emulate. They should ring not only for the entertainment and satisfaction which they got out of it, but ring that God might be glorified.

After the service the ringers were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, where Mr. D. K. C. Birt presided, supported by the Vicar, the Rev. R. G. Calvert (curate) and the officers of the association. The towers represented were Ashted, Banstead, Beddington, Benhilton, Croydon (St. John's and St. Peter's), Camberwell, Epsom (Christ Church), Kingston, Mitcham (Parish Church and Christ Church), Streatham, Wimbledon and visitors from Bishopsgate, Kensington, Holloway, Finchley, North Mimms, Clerkenwell, Edmonton, etc.

The Master thanked the Vicar for his kindly welcome, for the use of the bells and for his address. He also thanked Mr. Pothecary and the local band for their kind hospitality and the excellent arrangements. It was a great pleasure, he said, to see such a large gathering, and he liked, in particular, to feel that one of the reasons for it was that many had come there to do honour to the name and memory of a man who so well deserved their recognition, the late Mr. James Douglas Drewett. His services to the association, as many of the older members well knew, were very great indeed. He made it his business to be the personal friend of as many of the members of the association as possible, and was extremely conscientious and faithful in every kind of work he undertook.

The Master went on to welcome the many visitors present, and said the tablet unveiled in the ringing chamber was the work of members of the Mitcham tower and the writing done by the Master of the Middlesex Association (who was present). It was pleasing to know the tablet was the work of ringers (applause).

The business meeting of the North-Western Branch of the Surrey Association was then held, when the following district officers were re-nominated: Master, Mr. D. Cooper; hon. treasurer, Mr. H. Simmonds; hon. secretary, Mr. F. G. Woodiss; auditor, Mr. Roy Simmonds; committee, Messrs. W. H. Hewett, H. V. Young and Mrs. C. Kippin.

The Master said further nominations, duly proposed and seconded, could be received up to fourteen days before the annual meeting of the district, which was to be held on January 29th.

'COME UP HIGHER.'

Mr. Charles Dean made reference to the late Mr. Drewett. He said those who were able that afternoon to squeeze into the belfry at the Parish Church might have noticed, painted above one of the peal boards, the words 'come up higher.' That sentence was originally, 'Friend, come up higher,' and was addressed by Mr. Drewett to a visitor who was struggling up the ladder, which gives access to the belfry, and who hesitated until Mr. Drewett invited him in these terms. That invitation was typical of the man whose memory they were commemorating. It did not matter to whom he was addressing his remarks, they were always genial in tone and the welcome was sincere. 'The phrase,' added Mr. Dean, 'is one which might be painted up in all the ringing chambers in the country.'

To the older men and women of the association Mr. Drewett was thoroughly well known, as, apart from his long association with Mitcham belfry, he was Master of the association from 1913, when he succeeded Dr. Carpenter, and he continued the Mastership until he died in 1928. Mr. Drewett was most assiduous in his attention to the duties of his office. Not only did he attend regularly the meetings of the association, but he also made it his business, when occasion required, to visit any sick or distressed member of the association, and this sense of duty extended to all the public offices which he held, and these were very numerous. He was at one time on over two hundred committees and was chairman of seventeen. These committees had to do with the Surrey County Council, the Mitcham Urban Council, Croydon Board of Guardians, etc. He was governor of the Secondary School for Boys and vice-chairman of the Mitcham School Managers, amongst a number of other public bodies.

A mutual friend, who was at one time chairman of the Croydon Rural District Council, told him that Jim Drewett was always out for his particular constituency, and if he could not get all that he wanted he became satisfied, for the time being, with what his fellow-members granted. Mr. Drewett was referred to as 'half a loaf' (laughter).

Mr. Drewett was also a Justice of the Peace, and sat on the Bench at Croydon for many years. He was not without a sense of humour. On one occasion, when he (Mr. Dean) was at his house, Mr. Drewett was called to his hall door. When he returned he said he had been asked by a young man and his wife to hear a declaration which had to be made concerning the vaccination of their child, and he said the couple were very thankful for what he had done, and the young man, on shaking hands, said he hoped he would be able to do the same for Mr. Drewett at some future time (laughter). Mr. Drewett was then about 70 years of age.

In spite of the enormous responsibility which Mr. Drewett had in connection with the public positions held by him, he was always very approachable, and even in the belfry one could tell him that he had missed his third's or his 8-7-8, and he would not resent it.

The association lost a very good man when he passed away, and the Mitcham ringers had felt his absence, as it had been impossible to replace the services which he rendered to them during his many years as steeplekeeper.

In commemorating the memory of Mr. Drewett, added Mr. Dean, one also bears in mind three other ringers whose names are specially commemorated in Mitcham belfry: Douglas W. Drewett, who joined the Cameron Highlanders and lost his life in the war in 1918; Benjamin A. Morris, who was killed in the war in 1917; and Stanley Smith, the son of Mr. William Smith, who was also killed in the war.

Each of these men had been ringers at Mitcham Parish Church, and Douglas Drewett, who had already rung there over twenty years, would doubtless have succeeded his father as steeplekeeper, as his father had succeeded his father many years previously.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding, and during the evening ringing took place on the bells of the Parish Church.



THE LATE
MR. J. D. DREWETT.

PEAL NOTES.

SUSSEX VETERAN'S PEAL RINGING JUBILEE.

Mr. Walter Charman, of Warnham, a fine old Sussex stalwart, has seen half a century of peal ringing. He rang the 7th to a peal of Bob Major at his parish church on Saturday on the fiftieth anniversary of his first peal.

Walter Charman has taken part in some long lengths, including the 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major rung at Warnham in March, 1889. The first peal in the same method had been rung in the same tower in the previous December.

They were halcyon days at Warnham, when the ringers could start for a peal every night of the week, and no one objected.

Mr. Albert Relfe reached his one hundredth peal as conductor on Saturday with a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Rotherfield, Sussex. He was the only one of the band who had previously rung a peal in the method. It was Mr. J. G. Powell's 75th peal.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at St. Andrew's, Hertford, on Saturday, was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Day, of Harpenden, and Mr. Joseph Ladley, a very old member of the Hertford College Youths. It was also as a farewell compliment to Mr. B. H. Swinson, who is about to leave England on a business tour to South America. Mr. Barnard Patmore, of Great Munden, has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

The handbell peal of Spliced St. Clement's and Crayford College Bob Major at Burton-on-Stather, Lincs, was arranged with every course comprising a lead of St. Clement's, two leads of Crayford and two leads of St. Clement's.

The peal of St. Clement's Bob Major rung at Swineshead on November 13th was first in the method by all the band.

Mr. Samuel Quintin is another veteran who has just celebrated his birthday by ringing a peal. He is a member of the local band at Thatcham, Berks, and for his 75th anniversary a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on November 27th. Two other members of the local band who took part rang their first peal.

The second of the peals of six Spliced Surprise methods on handbells was rung on Friday, November 19th. In the report published last week the date was given as the 12th, but that was the day on which the first peal was rung.

The date of the peal at St. Stephen's, Canterbury, was also wrongly given last week. It was sent as 'Saturday, November 15th.' Unlike a certain Guildford Guild secretary, we were not in form at guessing, and we guessed wrong. We plumped for Saturday, the 13th, but the peal was rung on Monday, the 15th.

The first peal by the All Saints' Guild, Gresford, was rung by foundation members and conducted by the Master, Mr. Arthur Prince, of Bath. The secretary, Mr. George Williams, was prevented from taking his usual place in the band through illness. The members wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. George Moss took part in a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, on November 20th, in celebration of the 59th anniversary of the wedding of his parents.

The Rector of Hazelbury Bryan, Dorset (the Rev. J. L. Rhys) has completed 58 years in the ministry, and a peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in his honour on November 13th. It was the first attempt for a peal by three of the band.

For the wedding of Mr. G. P. Mitchell, one of the band at St. John's, Hillingdon, Middlesex, a peal of Bristol Surprise was rung at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday. It was also a birthday compliment to Miss Frances M. Gutteridge, of Iver Heath. It was the fiftieth peal in which Messrs. Frank Corke, of Uxbridge, and W. Henley, of Old Windsor, have taken part together.

The peal at Paigrove, Suffolk, on November 23rd, was a birthday compliment to the daughter of Mr. C. J. More, Master of the Diss company, and to Mr. A. G. Harrison, secretary of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association.

BOYS' QUICK PROGRESS.

Having had their first lesson in handling a bell only in January of this year, three boys at Anstey, Leicestershire, have rung their first peal, and Stedman Triples at that, at the second attempt. George Bowler is 14, Terry Smith 13 and John Adams 15. Two others of the band rang their first peal at the same time, Thomas Ison, and Miss Ivy Simpson, who rang the 10½ cwt. tenor.

The progress of these pupils of Mr. Redvers Elkington was referred to in a letter in our issue of October 29th. They were 'brought up' on Stedman after being taught plain hunting. Congratulations both to tutor and pupils.

'Completing the circle,' meaning, for the benefit of the uninitiated, ringing a peal on all the bells in a tower, is becoming a popular pastime. We have recently recorded numerous instances. Mr. George E. Feirn, of Bigby, Lincs, has now rung peals on all the eight bells at Scunthorpe, Lincs. He 'completed the circle' on November 23rd by ringing the treble to a peal of Stedman Triples.

An attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples at Clent, Worcestershire, on November 20th, in honour of the wedding of Mr. George Blunt and Miss Rose Short, daughter of Mr. William Short, the popular Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association. Owing to the indisposition of one of the band, however, ringing had to stop, so a peal of Bob Minor, with the tenor behind, was rung.

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MR. W. T. PATES' LONG SERVICE.

CHELTEMHAM VETERAN HONOURED.

The Cheltenham veteran, Mr. William T. Pates, who retired from active ringing last year, has been honoured by the erection of a tablet in the belfry commemorating his 63 years of service to the Parish Church. Unveiled on Sunday, November 21st, it bears the inscription:

'This tablet commemorates 63 years of service rendered to the Parish Church by William Thomas Pates. From 1873 to 1936 he rang in this tower, and for 45 years of that period he was Ringing Master. Born 28th February, 1853.'

Mr. Pates was unable to attend the ceremony, but he was represented by his daughters, Mrs. Clements and Miss Pates, and other members of the family.

The Rev. J. A. Barber (curate), addressing the company in the bell tower, said it was a very kindly thought on the part of the Parochial Church Council to have the tablet erected during Mr. Pates' lifetime.

'His retiring gracefully, enabling younger men to carry on the work, was one of his greatest actions,' said Mr. Barber, 'and this tablet, which will be here for all time, will remind us of his 63 years' faithful service for the Church.'

The tablet was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. J. B. Goodliffe), and after a few rounds had been rung on the bells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,285 changes) was rung by A. W. Humphris 1, Mrs. J. Thomas (London) 2, J. D. Johnson (Hinton-on-the-Green) (conductor) 3, C. Collier 4, S. T. Holt (Crowle) 5, W. Dyer 6, J. Thomas (London) 7, ex-Sergt. Aston 8, C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn) 9, S. Hayward 10. Mr. Humphris rang a peal with Mr. Pates as long ago as 1885.

After the ceremony the ringers were entertained to tea at Mr. Pates' residence.

Mr. Pates rang his first peal at Cheltenham Parish Church in 1876, and he is the only survivor of that band. In his long career he has taken part in some notable peals, among them the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888 and the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at the same tower in 1889, which he called. Both were records.

TRURO CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

On Wednesday, November 10th, at Truro Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the consecration of the sanctuary and chancel. The ringers were Miss M. Penrose 1, C. E. Lanxon 2, Miss E. J. C. Angwin 3, W. E. Minors 4, W. H. Sleeman 5, Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella 6, W. H. Southard (conductor) 7, J. Treloar 8.

A PEAL AT BOSTON STUMP.

(Continued from previous column.)

A peal at Boston 'Stump'—one was rung there last Saturday—is always a reminder of the way in which modern methods can overcome difficulties in bellhanging. In this stately tower, 272ft. high, which seemed to be endangered when the bells were rung, the bells were increased in number and raised several feet, while the structure was so strengthened by a concrete corbel course that all danger to the building was removed.

Members of the local band at Benfieldside, Co. Durham, rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Bob Minor on October 22nd as a welcome to the new curate (the Rev. G. E. Casey), as a thanksgiving for the harvest and as a 21st birthday compliment to Raymond Oliver.

The peal of Cambridge Royal at Ipswich on November 27th was Miss Bowyer's 36th peal this year. She has now broken the record of peals by a lady in one year. It also completed her series in the method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells. Mr. F. J. Smith also achieved this distinction in this peal.

By the way, we are now informed that our correspondent was incorrect in his definition of the letters P.G. after Miss Bowyer's name in the report of a recent performance. The truth is out at last. Their meaning is 'Pretty Girl.'

LAST OF AN ORIGINAL BAND.

Mr. J. Preston is the only member left of the original band at St. Barnabas' Church, Erdington, Birmingham, which was formed when the bells were put in 34 years ago. He has been secretary throughout this period, and on Saturday a peal of Stedman Triples was rung there as a birthday compliment to him.

The Dean of Rochester (Dr. Underhill) has been appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells, and in honour of his elevation a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Rochester Cathedral on Saturday. It was a composition by Mr. Louis Head, and contains the shortest possible starting and turning courses with the treble in 2nd's place and the 6th in 5th's. Having to start a slow six with a single caused some alarm until the conductor reminded the band of the old saying, 'Third time fair.'

The peal came home in 3 hours 40 minutes, and, in addition to its main purpose, was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Norris, wife of Mr. C. E. J. Norris, who rang the 9th, and to Mr. Head, sen., father of the conductor.

Peals in commemoration of the tercentenary of the Ancient Society of College Youths continue to be rung. This week we record two, one rung at Barkway, Herts, by members residing in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire, the other at Petersfield, Hants, by members living in Hants, Sussex and Surrey.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD'S JUBILEE. A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION.

The jubilee dinner of the Chester Diocesan Guild attracted a large gathering to the ancient city on Saturday, November 20th. It seems fitting that the Guild's fiftieth birthday should have been celebrated at a place only a few yards from the Cathedral refectory, where the inaugural meeting was held on November 12th, 1887, and which, according to the record of that meeting, 'was well attended by both clergymen and ringers.'

The recently augmented ring at the Cathedral was available for ringing during the afternoon, as well as the eight at St. Mary's-within-the-Walls. An opportunity was thus afforded to many who had previously not heard the new trebles in the Cathedral tower, and the experience brought many expressions of satisfaction.

Dinner was served at Clemence's Restaurant in the Market Square. The Master, Mr. J. W. Milner, presided, and there were also present the Dean (Bishop Norman Tubbs), the Archdeacon of Chester (the Ven. R. V. H. Burne), Mr. H. A. Heywood, the Rev. M. H. Ridgway (Guild secretary), the Rev. W. R. Ingham, the Rev. S. T. Stephens, the Rev. G. Gaughan, and some 160 ringers from all parts of the diocese, North Wales and Lancashire. Among the apologies for absence were those from the Lord Bishop, the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith and Mr. A. A. Hughes.

The loyal toast was honoured on the call of the Master, and the musical part of the programme opened with a course of Bob Royal on handbells: A. Barnes 1-2, J. E. Bibby 3-4, F. Bibby 5-6, P. Laffin 7-8, W. Bibby 9-10.

The toast of the evening, 'The Chester Diocesan Guild,' was proposed by the Dean, who spoke of the keen interest shown by his predecessor, Dean Bennett, in the welfare of the Guild. For himself, he felt that the Guild had treated him very generously in inviting him to dinner at all, because he had only a fortnight previously committed the 'unpardonable sin' of shutting off the main electric light switch whilst an important peal was in progress at the Cathedral! (laughter). He wished to express his deep regret.

BELLS' NOBLE TASK.

Confessing his ignorance of the art of ringing, the Dean said that although he had read 'The Nine Tailors,' he still felt unequal to making a speech on the subject. He was, however, conscious that ringing was a very important part of church work, and he felt that it was up to the Guilds to see that the bells of England should continue to be rung in the old-fashioned way and not by mechanical means. As a man who had spent a number of years abroad, he knew that one of the things that the Britisher away from home longed for most was to hear again the sound of bells rung in the English way. This, almost more than anything else, suggested 'home.' Bells, too, were playing an important part in the recall to religion, and had, he felt, always done much towards keeping this country Christian—a noble task.

In responding to the toast, the Rev. M. H. Ridgway, who last year succeeded the Rev. W. R. Ingham as secretary, briefly reviewed the work of the Guild during its half-century of existence. Good service ringing and clean towers were now the order of the day. He hoped that every effort would be made to get all towers in the diocese into union, a most worthy aim for this important year. The Guild, he felt, had celebrated its jubilee in a most fitting manner—by the installation of two new bells as an addition to the Cathedral eight, thus giving the Mother Church a fine peal of ten bells.

Mr. W. Wilcox, one of the original members of the Guild, proposed 'The health of the Master.' Mr. Milner, in making his reply, said that judging by the number of ringers present who were well over 60 years of age, ringing was a most healthy pursuit. The finest recreation was a change of occupation, and ringing not only gave pleasure to the ringer, but also the listener. The presence of a large number of 'mere boys' gave him the assurance that the future of the Guild was safe.

In proposing 'The Clergy,' Mr. J. W. Clarke emphasised the need of close co-operation between clergy and ringers, and, quoting part of the report of the first meeting of the Guild (mentioned at the beginning of this report) said that it would give great pleasure if such a phrase could be used in the minute books to-day. He deprecated the use of 'gramophone bells' in churches where the conditions made the installation of a ringing peal possible. Such installations were a tragedy, and he appealed to the clergy, both by example and influence, to discourage 'potted bells.'

In reply, the Archdeacon said that, in his opinion, all members of the clergy should know something of bells and ringing, and instruction in these matters should form an essential part of their training. He himself had learned to handle a bell in his younger days, and although he could not count himself a change ringer, he did appreciate the excellent work done for the Church by ringers.

FIVE ORIGINAL MEMBERS PRESENT.

On the call of the Master, original members present, five in all, stood. These veterans, Mr. H. A. Heywood, Mr. W. Wilcox, Mr. J. Morgan, Mr. E. Breeze and Mr. J. B. Wood, were greeted with much applause, and each in turn delighted the company with reminiscences of bygone days.

The Rev. W. R. Ingham proposed 'The Visitors.' In welcoming them he said that the success of that occasion pointed to the flourish-

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'BELLS OVER LONDON.'

AN INTERESTING WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

Under the title of 'Bells over London,' the B.B.C. devoted a twenty-minute broadcast to bellringing and the Ancient Society of College Youths in the Regional programme on Wednesday of last week, and the item was an informative and enjoyable one. It also went out on the Midland, Welsh and Northern Ireland Regionals. Originally it was announced in the 'Radio Times' that the item was devised by John Shand and Willie Roughton, but before it came on, London newspapers had announced that Mr. Willie Roughton had refused to collaborate because, so the newspapers said, a 'recorded' description of bellringing by Miss Dorothy Sayers from her book, 'The Nine Tailors,' was to be introduced. It gave the papers, which dealt with the subject, the opportunity of well-displaying Miss Sayers' name in the headlines.

The B.B.C. when the programme opened announced the withdrawal of Mr. Roughton's collaboration, and it was stated that the item was devised by John Shand and produced by H. L. Morrow. These gentlemen did their work well.

The narrator described the true art of bellringing as a kind of musical chess, and went on to explain how changes were produced. Change ringing, he said, was the most intricate and, to many, the most beautiful form of bellringing.

Miss Sayers' description of it was introduced, and, after a reference to the terminology of bellringing, about which, the narrator said, there was a touch of poetry, Mr. E. H. Lewis (Master of the College Youths) spoke upon the society's long history and the 'music' of change ringing, which was illustrated on handbells by 'Rounds,' 'Queen's,' 'Tittums' and 'Whittington's,' followed by the plain hunt on eight bells. Afterwards came a bob course of Stedman Triples. The handbell ringing was done by Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. P. Duffield, H. Langdon and W. Williams.

At the beginning of the programme the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were twice 'faded in,' and the programme terminated with a recorded impression of the bells of St. Clement Danes.

The Exercise owes a debt to the B.B.C. for the way in which this programme was organised and 'put over.'

AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I—a very humble 'country' member of the College Youths—say how much I enjoyed and appreciated the broadcast. It came through splendidly, and the exposition of changes was perfectly done.

The thanks of the Exercise are due to the organisers and performers alike. Please let us have more such broadcasts.

ERNEST MORRIS,

Author of 'History and Art of Change Ringing,'
'Legends of the Bells,' etc.

DEATH OF ILLKEY RINGER.

TUTOR OF THE PRESENT COMPANY.

The many friends of Mr. T. W. Crawshaw, of Ilkley, Yorkshire, will regret to learn of his death on Wednesday, November 17th. He was taken ill whilst ringing for service on the previous Sunday and never recovered. The funeral, which was attended by a large body of mourners, took place on Saturday, November 20th.

The late Mr. Crawshaw had been a devoted churchworker at Ilkley Parish Church for the greater part of his life and had been a chorister for over 53 years. He was leader of the ringers and had been a member of the Ilkley company for the past 47 years. With one exception all the present company of ringers gained their knowledge of ringing under his careful guidance and tuition. His favourite method was Grandsire, and he set a very high standard for service ringing. He was a keen member of the Yorkshire Association and was very interested in the work of the district.

He leaves a widow and a grown-up family, two sons being members of the local company.

The Ilkley ringers have elected Mr. W. H. Crawshaw to fill his father's position, and on Sunday, November 21st, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung.

CHESTER GUILD JUBILEE.

(Continued from previous column.)

ing state of the Guild. There were certainly no signs of the 'moths' getting at it yet.

In acknowledging the toast, the Rev. G. Vaughan said that his presence that night had made him more keen than ever to learn to ring, and he would in future be a frequent visitor to the belfry.

That the 'splice' at the Cathedral was considered an excellent job was evident from conversations on all sides, and the secretary was asked to convey to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank the Guild's congratulations on a fine job.

There was also a suggestion that the Guild should arrange an annual dinner, and no doubt the matter will be up for discussion at the meetings of the various branches in the coming year.

The company was entertained during the evening by Mr. N. Swinnerton (bass) and Mr. J. Roberts (tenor), of the Cathedral choir, and Messrs. J. Neild and J. Taylor. A course of Grandsire Caters by C. Valentine 1-2, Miss N. Bibby 3-4, J. Bibby 5-6, F. Bibby 7-8, W. Bibby 9-10, brought the evening to a delightful close.

CLASHING MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, — I have always been under the impression that the primary object of district meetings was for the benefit of the members concerned in their arrangement. With that in mind, my fixtures, made at the beginning of each year, seek to avoid any clashing with, not only the other three districts of this Guild, but also the North-West District of the Surrey Association, in whose activities some of our members have a vote.

So it was with mixed feelings that I read your leading article last week and the letter which prompted it, especially seeing that the letter came from Mr. Cannon, a prominent member of the Tower Grabbers' Union, who, when we held a meeting at Dorking previously, came there, had a ring, and then had to be off, to get a ring at some London tower where the reopening of the bells took place that afternoon. It would appear that a secretary would need to be a superman and see that no meetings took place within 50 miles on his meeting dates, to save someone a pang of disappointment at being unable, through a feeling of loyalty, to get to a new tower. Perhaps some day the ideal will come, but for the present my advice to Mr. Cannon is to bring the matter up at the annual meeting of his own association and see that none of their own meetings clash. Ours are fixed at a committee meeting with the general secretary early in the year.

With regard to the meetings 'under the cloud,' both have for their chief business something concerning themselves, namely, the nomination of their officers, and as no one member will be torn between two votes, I think that the business interval offers a good chance for visitors to get from one place to the other, and as they will be able to get a good variety at both places, the nearness is really a blessing.

ARTHUR H. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary, Leatherhead District.
Guildford Diocesan Guild.

OVERLAPPING ASSOCIATIONS.

Dear Sir, — While I cannot answer Mr. Cannon's question regarding the clashing of district meetings, I may perhaps be allowed to make a few comments on the matter raised.

There are two distinct points at issue, though they are not clearly shown in Mr. Cannon's letter.

The first is when separate associations or districts hold meetings in towers in their own areas, but those towers happen to be near each other. You have, perhaps intentionally, confined your editorial to this aspect of the matter, and, while I agree such a clash would be better avoided, there is no reason why both meetings should not be successful if fully supported by each association's own members. District secretaries have a good deal to do and they cannot always find out the intentions of one or more surrounding associations.

What is far more objectionable is the case where Association A holds a meeting at a tower affiliated to Association B on the same day that Association B is holding a meeting in its own area. I have been considering for several months the best way of bringing this matter before the Exercise, and had decided that, rather than seek the courtesy of your columns where only personal opinions can be expressed, I would broach the subject at the next Central Council meeting. About six weeks ago I drafted a motion to be put before the Council, and on November 1st I asked another member of the Council to second it. All this was before the meetings held at Isleworth and Twickenham on November 13th and while there was still a chance of avoiding that clash.

But the 'ubiquitous Mr. Cannon' (your own adjective, Mr. Editor) has forestalled me, though I may still ask the Council to express an opinion on the matter next Whitsun.

The clash on November 13th was the second in the South and West Middlesex District this year. In the summer the district held a meeting at Harlington, which is not an easy place to get to, and unfortunately another association met at Chiswick on the same day. (Ten members of the Chiswick tower are ringing members of the South and West District). The attendance at Harlington, as was to be expected, was less than double figures—a poor show not only for the district, but for the Exercise.

It seems to me only a matter of courtesy for a visiting association to get into early touch with the secretary of the area to be visited, so as not to upset local arrangements. In most cases I am sure the local association would be pleased to avoid that date or agree to a joint meeting. I realise that an 'extra-territorial' association (such as the Ladies' Guild) would be affected more by this than would ordinary associations, but what is an extra letter or two compared with the success or failure of a meeting or the retention of good feeling between associations.

WILFRID G. WILSON.

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NOTICES.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at Dorking on Saturday, December 4th. Service at 5 o'clock, with tea and business meeting in the Church Room afterwards.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec., Howard Road, Great Bookham, Surrey.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Betchworth on Saturday, December 4th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea at the Dolphin Inn, 1s. 3d. per head. All ringers welcome. Nominations for district officers for 1938 at this meeting.—W. Claydon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Chartfield Road, Reigate.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Folkestone on Saturday, December 4th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Dis. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

ALL-ENGLAND RINGERS will be welcomed at Hitchin on Saturday, December 4th, when the annual meeting of the Northern District, Herts Association, will be held at the Parish Church. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30, in Church House. District committee are requested to make an effort to attend and bring their bands. We want a crowd; everyone will be welcome, and every help will be given to learners, but there will be some 'Surprises' at this meeting.—Don Mears, Hon. Sec., Fritton, Moorhead Close, Hitchin.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough (6 bells), on Saturday, December 4th. For tea, please notify Mr. R. Reece, Park Street, Barlborough, near Chesterfield. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronan's Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wroughton on Saturday, December 4th. Bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next practice meeting will be held at Bowness Parish Church (eight bells) on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available 3 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, December 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. For tea (6d. each), please notify Mr. E. Birchall, 163, Preston Road, Standish, near Wigan.—S. Forshaw, Branch Sec., 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—West Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridport on Saturday, December 4th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, to be followed by meeting. Other towers open: Bradpole (8), Burton Bradstock, Lodgers, Symondsbury, all six bells.—C. H. Lathey, Hon. Sec., Malmaison, Bradpole, Bridport.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Service ringing December 5th, 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C. Practices, December 6th and 20th, St. Clement Danes, at 7.30 p.m., also St. Mary's, Lambeth. Decem-

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ber 28th, at 8 p.m. A reminder is hereby given regarding handbell competition to be held on February 12th next. Particulars from T. W. Taffender, Hon. Gen. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral, December 7th; St. Magnus, December 9th and 23rd; Southwark Cathedral, December 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, December 21st (all at 7.30 p.m.); St. Andrew's, Holborn, December 30th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate, Surrey.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—The annual meeting will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. in Church Hall. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify the Hon. Secretary, F. S. H. Marle, Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting of the Western Division will be held at St. Matthew's, Northowram, on Saturday, December 11th. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schools about 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. Names for tea to be sent to H. Chew, Enderly, Cross Roads, Northowram, by Wednesday, December 8th. Business meeting after tea.—Frank Rayment, Hon. Dis. Sec., Bramley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, on Saturday, December 11th. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30, in Express Dairy, High Street, 1s. each. St. Andrew's bells (8) from 4.30 and after tea. St. John's, Hillingdon, bells (10), 3-4.30. Trolley buses (607), etc., connect with both churches.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., Seaford, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland St. James (Moss Side) on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) from 2.30 p.m.—A. Blogg, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Central Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Winslow on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. Gibbard, Hon. Sec., 30, Horn Street, Winslow, Bucks.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wilton on Saturday, December 11th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in the schools after service. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Linslade on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. A special invitation to all North Bucks Branch ringers, so we want a good home team to welcome them.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Leighton Buzzard.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Silkstone on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring teas please notify Mr. H. Mann, Fox and Hounds Yard, Silkstone, near Barnsley, by Wednesday, December 9th. A hearty welcome to all.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Topsham, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells at 2.30. Service in St. Margaret's Church at 4 p.m. Tea, free to members, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Monday, December 6th.—R. Brook, Hon. Sec., 3, Greatwood Terrace, Topsham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. at All Saints', Hamer (one mile from Rochdale). Bells (6) —Next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 11th, available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A good turn-up requested. Those desirous of tea (at a nominal charge) please notify Mr. Alwyn Taylor, Shaw House, Albert Royds Street, Rochdale, by Thursday, December 9th.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come; a good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Ives, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—H. J. Parker, Dis. Sec., Great Staughton, St. Neots.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Garston, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Institute. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Liverpool, 19.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Kirkby-in-Ashfield on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who notify me by Wednesday, December 8th.—J. W. England, 49, The Common, South Normanton.

SALISBURY GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, December 11th. Bells from 3 p.m. Guild Office 4.30, followed by tea and business. Mere and Zeals bells also available. For tea, please notify J. Ralph, 9, Orchard Road, Gillingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Clifton Parish Church on Saturday, December 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow in Parish Hall. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by December 8th?—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (12) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the King's Arms, P.R.H.A. Will those requiring tea kindly notify by December 9th?—G. Preston, 42, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Annual branch meeting at Christ Church, Swindon, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (10) available afternoon and evening. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The dedication of tablet commemorating the 100th birthday of Charles Slingsby will take place at Aldington on Saturday, December 11th, at 4 p.m. Ringing before and after the ceremony.—P. Page, Hon. Sec.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Coleman's Hatch on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All welcome. Please notify by December 9th for tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Colchester, on Saturday, December 11th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than December 8th.—F. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe, Essex.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—No business, but a ringing meeting will be held on December 11th at St. Ann's, Brookfields, from 5 p.m. till 6.30 p.m. The Vicar of St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, has also given us permission to ring from 7.30 p.m. till 9.30 p.m. Will all the N.W. London District members come and make it an enjoyable ringing evening?—T. Bevan.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, December 11th. The bells (a fine six) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at the Cot at 5 p.m. If you only ring rounds, we shall be pleased to see you.—Frank C. Tysoe, District Secretary, 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch, Newport Pagnell Deanery.—A meeting at Lavenham (5 bells) on Saturday, December 11th. 2.30, Ring up. 4. Service. 4.45, Tea, Business.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Ravenstone Vicarage, Olney, Bucks.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEMBERS OF THE M.C.A.—Where shall we go for the district annual meeting on January 8th? Interested? Then come to the last meeting of the year at Croft on December 11th. Bring any unpaid subs. too. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All ringers welcome. Names to Mr. J. Bayliss, Brookside Cottage, Croft.—Wm. A. Wood, Dis. Sec.

WATFORD HARDY ANNUAL blooms on Saturday, December 18th (Herts Association).

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m., kindly provided by the Rector (Rev. E. H. Noott). All ringers welcome. Kindly notify me for tea not later than December 13th.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Poulton, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) ready 3 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Come and hear the new octave, tenor 8 cwt. Subscriptions due.—C. Sharples, Fylde Branch Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Everybody welcome.—F. Hindle, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The last meeting for 1937 will be held at the Parish Church, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room 4.30 prompt. Short service at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome, especially Loughborough District members, at this meeting. Please remember the 'P.C.' for tea to be sent to me by Wednesday, December 15th.—J. W. Cotton, Hon. Sec., Overseale, Burton-on-Trent.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than December 15th?—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 69, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—Dedication by the Bishop of Winchester of the new ring of six bells at Goodworth Clatford, on Saturday, December 18th, at 3 p.m. Three new bells added to three already existing in the tower, by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. Tea in the Vicarage at 4.30 p.m. Bells open for visitors after tea. Those requiring tea please notify Rev. A. Gidlow, Goodworth Clatford Rectory, Andover.

SHAUGH PRIOR, S. DEVON.—Ring of six bells, tuned and rehung in new framework by John Taylor and Co. Rededication service by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth on Saturday, December 18th, at 3.15 p.m.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, December 18th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Parish Hall at 5 p.m. at 1s. each. Please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 441a, Sandgate Road, Sheffield, 10, by Wednesday previous.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 35, Finkle Street, Bentley, Doncaster.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—William James Carter, of Kildgrove, is now residing at 27, Slater Street, Bidulph, Stoke-on-Trent.

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