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We wish that the points from the address given by the Lord Bishop of Southwark at the recent meeting of the London County Association could be passed on to every ringer and to every incumbent in the country who has a ring of bells in his care. Seldom has a preacher put his finger on matters of vital import relating to our art better than did Dr. Parsons on that occasion. His words were not merely the customary platitudes on the value of ringers' work in the belfries; they contained some very pertinent advice. Summarised, his chief points may be stated thus: The chief endeavour of ringers should be to ring regularly and well for Sunday services; complaints, when bells were well rung at reasonable times, should be ignored; bad ringing is irreverent; as many young people as possible should be taught to ring, to save the art from becoming defunct, and youngsters should be taught in groups.

All this is sage counsel and will be heartily endorsed by those who have the true interests of ringing at heart. We need not traverse the whole of the points to which the Bishop directed attention; but we would like the clergy more fully to take Dr. Parsons' stand and ignore complaints when bells are well rung at reasonable times. We have heard recently of one or two determined attempts to get bells silenced. In each case, happily, the incumbent has refused to be stampeded, but we also know of weak-kneed clergy who, either through fear of action by opponents, or because they prefer the line of least resistance, have practically shut their towers. It is a stupid and mistaken policy. If the bells are unreasonably noisy—and there are some towers where this is the case—steps should be taken to modify the sound by one or other of the remedies which in these days can be taken at a perfectly moderate cost. If the bells are not at fault, then the clergy should have the courage to stand up to the objectors and decline to interfere with the reasonable ringing of his peal. We hope the Bishop of Southwark's pronouncement will stiffen the attitude of any clergy who may be wavering.

Let it be remembered, however, that Dr. Parsons qualified his position by the proviso that he referred to bells well rung. There is a great deal of indifferent ringing to be heard in these days which might be improved. Everyone has to learn, but not everyone learns enough. There is little excuse for the old hand who cannot tell whether he is striking his bell well or badly, and the pity is that so many of this type object to being told. If they would only remember that one is never too old to learn, and that if a way of improving their striking is pointed out

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be fewer poor ringers about, especially if they will also
bear in mind the Bishop's perfectly justifiable assertion,
that 'bad ringing is irreverent.'

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM E. BASON Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 2	ERIC G. BENNETT 8
JOHN G. W. HARWOOD 3	ARTHUR G. KING 9
*R. WILLIAM BARBER 4	NOLAN GOLDEN 10
†STANLEY W. GALL 5	HENRY TOOKE 11
GEORGE MAYERS 6	WILLIAM CLOVER... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on 12 bells. Rung to
celebrate the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. G. King

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN GRUNDY Treble	LESLIE STEVENS 6
*GEOFFREY HARRISON 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
WILLIAM SMITH 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	COLIN HARRISON 9
JOSEPH A. FENTON 5	ROBERT HARRISON, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Caterers and at the first attempt.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb. in C.

CLIFFORD BIRD Treble	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 2	HENRY TOOKE 7
GEORGE MAYERS 3	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 8
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	GEORGE BAILEY 9
*GEORGE SAYER 5	WILLIAM CLOVER... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY... .. Treble	HENRY HODGETTS 5
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 2	JOHN E. ROOTES 6
STEPHEN H. HOARE 3	EDWIN JENNINGS 7
EDWARD P. ASHBY 4	HENRY F. SOUTHALL Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

A. NUNNELEY WOOD... ..Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 5
*JOHN HIGGINS 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6
FRANK J. GREEN 3	ALBERT J. GREEN 7
JOHN A. GREEN 4	THOMAS E. ROBERTSTenor

Conducted by JOHN A. GREEN.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST H. OXENHAMTreble	EDWIN A. BARNETT 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 2	*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 6
GEOFFREY V. MURPHY 3	HARRY HOVERD 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	DEREK M. SHARPTenor

Composed by G. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by D. M. SHARP.

* First peal in the method 'inside.' First peal of Surprise as conductor. E. A. Barnett's 100th peal in a Surprise method.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 21, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEOFFREY HARRISONTreble	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 5
WILLIAM SMITH 2	*ALFRED BARRATT 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	COLIN HARRISONTenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First Surprise peal. Rung on the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Salter, and as a birthday compliment to Miss Daphne Narborough.

WESTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK S. BAYLEYTreble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
JACK M. CRIPPS 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
KENNETH SNELLING 4	OLIVER SIPPETTSTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FREDK. W. ROGERS.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST W. PYETreble	*RAYMOND G. COUSINS ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	WILLIAM R. MADGWICK ... 6
ALFRED PRIOR 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	JACK A. WAUGHTenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 46).

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal in the method.

BOLLINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WORTHTreble	JACK TIPPER 5
*THOMAS TAYLOR... .. 2	WILLIAM GAYES... .. 6
*HARRY FARRER 3	JAMES A. MILNER 7
JOSEPH WHITTAKER 4	†HEADLEY WOODTenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal and first attempt.

SILVERDALE, STAFFS.

THE NORTH STAFFS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

JOHN E. WHEELDONTreble	WILLIAM CARNWELL 5
THOMAS HURD 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
*JOHN G. CARLIDGE 4	ARTHUR W. HALLTenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight bells and first attempt.

BLACKPOOL, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES SHARPLESTreble	ARTHUR HEYWOOD 5
*WILLIAM STRICKLAND ... 2	*JOHN H. FOSTER 6
*WILLIAM K. BOVILLE ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
*ROBERT PARKINSON 4	PETER CROOKTenor

Composed by G. CROSS.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method and first attempt except by R. Parkinson. First peal in the method on the bells.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

CYRIL W. HAMMONDTreble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 5
FRANCIS J. CHEAL 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	E. GEORGE MORRAD 7
HORACE H. BARDEN 4	GEORGE J. BUTCHERTenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE J. BUTCHER.

A birthday compliment to H. H. Barden, a member of the local band, and to Mr. J. H. Cheesman, of Greenhithe.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION
AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. EDWARDS'... ..Treble	W. A. OLDFIELD 5
W. BIDNELL 2	P. PAGE 6
H. S. HUMPHERY 3	C. W. EVERETT 7
R. H. FRENCH 4	C. B. BALLARDTenor

Conducted by C. W. EVERETT.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late George Johnson, of Appledore, one of the founders of the Romney Marsh Guild.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
*FREDERICK G. SMITH ... 2	JESSE HARRISON 6
MISS KATH. E. FLETCHER ... 3	WILFRED EDWARDS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	HARRY WINGROVE Tenor

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

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

GREAT HOLLAND, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER SOUTHGATE ... Treble	*GEORGE E. JENNINGS ... 5
GEORGE MOSS 2	URBAN W. WILDNEY ... 6
GEORGE A. ANDREWS ... 3	ALAN R. ANDREWS ... 7
VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... 4	EDWARD E. DAVEY ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by EDWARD E. DAVEY.

* First peal in the method.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

BERNARD S. NICHOLS ... Treble	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR ... 5
*THOMAS TIMMS 2	HERBERT H. ALEXANDER ... 6
FRANK SODEN 3	REGINALD JARVIS ... 7
*WILLIAM DIXON 4	A. G. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD JARVIS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*NORMAN TOMBLING ... Treble	BERTIE W. MARSH 5
†FREDERICK A. RALLISON ... 2	ROBERT MARSH 6
JACK A. HINDRY 3	WILLIAM R. WEST 7
CHARLES E. COPEMAN ... 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.

LONDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

R. WILLIAM BARBER ... Treble	*STANLEY W. GALL 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
NOLAN GOLDEN 3	CHARLES F. SAYER ... 7
*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 4	EDWIN R. GOATE Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major.

CHUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*W. JOHN ANDREWS ... Treble	REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... 5
WILLIAM H. HOWE 2	JAMES E. LILLEY 6
REV. E. V. COX 3	A. GEORGE BETTS 7
REV. C. CAREW COX ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal of Major on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	ERIC B. HARTLEY 5
EDWARD LANKESTER 2	ERNEST C. S. TURNER ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST C. S. TURNER

A birthday compliment to Eric B. Hartley.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

CLIFFORD BIRD ... Treble	*CEDRIC CURSON 5
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 2	NOLAN GOLDEN 6
*MISS G. E. M. TUNNADINE ... 3	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM E. BASON ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON.

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in the method.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, January 26, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	*NORMAN J. GOODMAN ... 5
JOHN S. MASON 2	BURLEY P. MORRIS ... 6
HENRY H. FEARN 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 4	GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BERRY POMEROY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... Treble	REV. C. CAREW COX ... 5
*W. JOHN ANDREWS 2	HENRY J. CORRY 6
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	†EDWARD W. BIFFIN ... 7
REV. E. V. COX 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by CHAS. R. LILLEY

* First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 27, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LOUIS HEAD'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD LUCK ... Treble	HENRY HODGETTS 5
EDWIN JENNINGS 2	JOHN E. ROOTES 6
WILLIAM SEELEY 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
†HENRY F. SOUTHALL ... 4	THOMAS J. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 25, 1938, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY

* First peal of Triples 'inside.' Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Richard Evans, a much respected member of the local band for over 40 years, and to the memory of Mr. H. Bailey, father of the ringer of the 4th, who was buried the previous week at Yetminster, Dorset.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ROUGHAM, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday, January 15, 1938, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise and two 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR GRIMWOOD	... Treble	JOHN R. STEAD	4
SHELLFORD SPARROW	2	ARTHUR R. WOODARD	5
EDWIN A. CRACKNELL	3	FRANK W. J. ROPER	Tenor

Conducted by F. W. J. ROPER.

STANTON-ON-HINE-HEATH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SHROPSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 16, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

*WALTER LYCETT	... Treble	*WILLIAM J. CHESTER	4
*THOMAS PRICE	2	†EDWARD V. RODENBURST	5
*FREDERICK PRICE	3	*ARTHUR PRITCHARD	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRITCHARD.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MENDLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1938, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 18 six-scores of Plain Bob, with 12 variations of calling and 24 six-scores of Grandsire, with 10 variations of calling. Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT A. GODFREE	... Treble	*THOMAS W. LOCKWOOD	3
LESLIE FOSTER	2	SIDNEY W. ARBON	4
GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL	...	...	Tenor

Conducted by GARNHAM A. BLAXCELL.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all except the conductor.

BARNBY-IN-THE-WILLOWS, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK W. VERNON	... Treble	KENNETH W. MEYER	4
*S. GEORGE VESSEY	2	JACK L. MILLHOUSE	5
R. THOMAS VESSEY	3	MISS DOROTHY VESSEY	Tenor

Conducted by JACK L. MILLHOUSE.

* First peal in seven methods inside.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, January 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Spliced London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes): A. R. Glasscock 1, S. Wade 2, W. J. Bowden 3, N. A. Tomlinson 4, J. G. Nash 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 18, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

*ERNEST J. BESSEY	... Treble	ARTHUR HOWES	4
CHARLES F. FARROW	2	WILLIAM H. FRENCH	5
ERIC S. GOOCH	3	EDWARD HOWES	Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD HOWES.

* First peal and first attempt.

SUTTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 19, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt

*HARRY FARRER	... Treble	JACK TIPPER	4
JOHN WORTH	2	JOHN W. L. SLACK	5
THOMAS TAYLOR	3	JOSEPH WHITTAKER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WORTH.

* First peal and first attempt.

HISTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.

T. REGINALD DENNIS	... Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON	4
CHARLES W. COOK	2	*SIDNEY BROWN	5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES	3	ALBERT E. AUSTIN	Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

* First peal of London Surprise. First peal in the method on the bells.

CURRY MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE SPARKES	... Treble	*CLIFFORD PARKMAN	4
CYRIL STEVENS	2	CLAUDE TARR	5
ALBERT TOUT	3	†DONALD JAMES	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First attempt for a peal. First peal on the bells. A wedding compliment for G. Sparkes, who was married on Boxing Day.

RANWORTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 20, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents: (1) Cambridge Surprise; (2) Double Oxford; (3) Double Court; (4) St. Clement's; (5) Plain Bob; (6) Oxford Bob; (7) Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

SIDNEY FLINT	... Treble	*R. WILLIAM BARBER	4
*GODFREY G. WALPOLE	2	CLIFFORD BIRD	5
NOLAN GOLDEN	3	CECIL V. EBBERSON	Tenor

Conducted by NOLAN GOLDEN.

* First peal in eight methods.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Double Court and two extents each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN HOUGH	... Treble	JACK BAILEY	4
WILLIAM LANCASTER	2	*WILLIAM JOHN DUMOLO	5
JOSEPH W. COTTON	3	ARTHUR E. ROWLEY	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. ROWLEY.

* First peal of Minor.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent each of London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. in A.

*DOUGLAS WATSON, SEN. ... Treble	DOUGLAS WATSON, JUN. ... 4
LESTER L. GRAY ... 2	RALPH G. EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*FRANK VARTY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. VARTY.

* First peal in seven methods.

WADHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK H. HICKS ... Treble	ERNEST J. LADD ... 4
ARTHUR F. LEWRY ... 2	WILLIAM A. KITCHENSIDE ... 5
LESLIE W. JARVIS ... 3	JAMES G. POWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES G. POWELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on his 14th wedding anniversary.

WENDENS AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... Treble	†CECIL N. AUSTIN ... 4
*REGINALD C. SHARP ... 2	*SIDNEY BROWN ... 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3	FRANK WARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. WARRINGTON.

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

STONE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MERVIN MALPASS ... Treble	†HORACE ROBINSON ... 4
DOUGLAS LUTON ... 2	†WALTER SMITH ... 5
†FREDERICK ROBERTS ... 3	DONALD MARSH ... Tenor

Conducted by D. MARSH.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor.

COLNE ENGAINNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Reverse College Single, Double Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ALEC M. GENERY ... Treble	HARRY CARTER ... 4
VICTOR MORLEY ... 2	RALPH BIRD ... 5
REGINALD G. SIMMONDS ... 3	THOMAS BIRD ... Tenor

Conducted by R. BIRD.

EXTON, RUTLAND.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Rutland Branch.)

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 College Single, and 1,440 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

F. TOWELL ... Treble	J. G. GEARY ... 4
*P. D. BALDOCK ... 2	*R. H. KNIGHT ... 5
J. H. BLUFF ... 3	A. L. WARD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLUFF.

* First peal of Minor.

CHICHELEY, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

HERBERT C. BEARD ... Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY ... 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 5
WILLIAM WELLING ... 3	TONY PRICE ... Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 22, 1938, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 London Surprise, three 720's of Cambridge Surprise, one of Oxford and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
ALAN BROMLEY ... 2	ALFRED W. DURHAM ... 5
FRANCES BROMLEY ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. E. Lambert and Miss C. E. Keemar, which took place at St. Stephen's Church, Tonbridge, the same day.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Northern Branch.)

On Sunday, January 23, 1938, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At 56, Moorland Avenue,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS. 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14½ in C sharp.

MRS. J. BRAY ... 1-2	GEORGE E. FEIRN ... 5-6
CHARLES McGUINESS ... 3-4	JACK BRAY ... 7-8
*JACK L. MILLHOUSE ... 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 154). Conducted by JACK BRAY.

* First peal of Caters.

OLD SURREY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of one of Surrey's oldest ringers. Albert Ellis, known for miles around as 'Biggy,' who had been a ringer at Charlwood for over 50 years, passed away on January 19th at the age of 69 after a short illness.

The interment took place at Charlwood on Saturday, January 22nd, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Grainger-Thompson).

As the cortege approached the church, the bells that 'Biggy' loved were rung fully muffled in rounds, and after the interment his wish was fulfilled by a touch of London Scholars' Pleasure, followed by 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, those taking part being R. Wickens, E. Illman, A. Knapp, W. Tuppen, A. Bull, H. Edwards.

'Biggy' will be remembered by all who knew him as the one who was never wrong and who generally managed to convince others that they were at fault. He was, however, once a 'great' ringer and a wonderful striker, but he had not taken a very active part in the Exercise for several years although he could generally be relied on to call a variety of methods on special occasions. He had rung a large number of peals during his career.

DEATH OF A BRIDGEND RINGER.

Mr. Richard Evans, leader of the St. Iltyd's band; Bridgend, for over 40 years, passed away on January 22nd at the age of 74 years after a long illness. He had rung about 30 peals for the Llandaff and Monmouth Association, of which he was a member almost from its formation.

Apart from his own illness, he had had much domestic trouble in the last 12 months of his life, having buried during that time his wife and only son.

Members of the local band attended the funeral, which took place on January 25th. He was buried close under the bells he loved so much. A muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung to his memory the same day.

PEAL NOTES.

Arranged as a 17-method peal of Treble Bob Minor, a performance at Sutton, Cheshire, had perforce to be made one of seven extents of Bob Minor owing to one of the band being unable to start. It was, however, by no means wasted effort, for the emergency man called in, Harry Farrer, rang not only his first peal, but also his first touch of Minor.

Mr. Sidney Brown took part in a peal of London Surprise Minor at Histon, Cambridgeshire, on January 20th. He had not previously rung a 720 in the method. This peal was Mr. Frank Warrington's 240th.

A Wiveliscombe ringer, Mr. George Sparkes, who was married on Boxing Day, rang in a peal of Doubles on January 20th to celebrate his wedding. This was at Curry Mallet, and was the first peal on the bells. All the ringers were visitors. They came, two from Wiveliscombe, three from Milverton and one from West Buckland.

Not many ladies can claim to have 'circled' a tower, but Miss Dorothy Vessey has now rung all the bells to a peal at Barnby-in-the-Willows, Notts. On January 18th she rang the 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. tenor to a peal in seven Minor methods.

Mr. Maurice Hibbert, of Bushey, has called another unusual composition of Stedman Triples, which, although published in 'The Ringing World' on July 7th, 1922, is now rung for the first time. It is a short course, odd and even bob irregular six-part, with only two singles, by Mr. A. J. Pitman. The peal was rung at Bushey, Herts, on January 20th.

The one-part peal of Grandsire Triples composed by Mr. Louis Head, of Maidstone, and published in 'The Ringing World' on August 5th, 1921, was also called at Bushey, on January 27th, by Mr. Hibbert.

EFFICIENT SILENCERS.

The bells of St. John's Church, Blackpool, have been in the tower over 70 years, but not until January 22nd was a peal of Double Norwich rung upon them, and it was only the second peal in the method ever rung in the Fylde, the first having been rung at Bispham in October, 1921.

St. John's Church almost adjoins Blackpool's famous Winter Gardens, where, during the peal, a matinee performance of 'Carmen' was in progress, given by the Universal Opera Company.

All cause for complaint, however, was removed by the use of Davis silencers (on the clappers of the bells, of course, not on the singers in the opera)—a great testimony to the efficiency of these appliances.

By the way, Mr. Norman Brown, a former ringer at Wigan Parish Church, is now a member of this Opera Company.

Geoffrey Harrison, the son of Mr. Colin Harrison, of Loughborough, after having rung the treble at the Foundry to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on January 21st, rang his first peal of Stedman Caters, at the first attempt, on the following day. It was his twentieth peal, and all of them have been rung within twelve months and before his reaching the age of 14 years.

By a coincidence this was his father's one hundredth peal for the Midland Counties Association.

It was on the bells of Loughborough Parish Church, where this peal was rung, that a record length of Stedman Caters was achieved in 1909. It consisted of 18,027 changes and occupied 12 hours and 18 minutes—the first time that one set of men had rung 'the clock round.' William Pye, who called the peal, rang the tenor, which is over 30 cwt.

'Teddy' Barnett has rung his one hundredth Surprise peal. He did this at his home tower of Crayford, which was very fitting, after having lost it elsewhere. He has not yet rung the treble to a peal in a Surprise method, but he has plenty of time in front of him—he is only 18.

In the peal at Newhall, Derbyshire, Mr. W. J. Dumolo, of the local company, rang his first peal of Minor and this in four methods. It is also interesting to note that Mr. J. Hough, who has called numerous peals of Minor, revisited his old tower and rang the treble.

We often read of 'first peal away from the treble,' but this week we record a peal at Wendens Ambo, Essex, in which Mr. A. E. Austin, of the Ely Diocesan Association, rang his 'first peal on the treble,' after having rung and conducted a great many peals from working bells.

DEVON LAD'S GOOD PERFORMANCE.

John Andrews, who rang the treble to his first peal on eight bells at Chudleigh, Devon, on January 25th, is only 15 years of age and a member of the Rev. E. V. Cox's progressive band at Brampford Speke, where five of the band rang their first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor for practice on January 24th. His steadiness and accurate striking throughout were such as any experienced ringer might have been proud of. He is to be congratulated, too, on his ringing of the 2nd in the peal at Berry Pomeroy two days later, having never struck a blow before on an 'inside' bell in Major.

At Chudleigh the ringing chamber has a second approach to it from the gallery at the west end, and some anxiety was caused after an hour's ringing by the appearance of the sexton, who began to express himself about its being 'hot work.' A sharp invitation to stay as long as he liked, but to keep quiet, was accepted. Later on he disappeared for a few moments, to return with a chair, on which he subsided until the bells came round.

One of the founders of the Romney Marsh Guild, Mr. George Johnson, of Appledore, Kent, died on January 15th. A week later a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells of his Parish Church as an expression of deep regret.

St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth, comes into the peal news this week. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung there on January 22nd to celebrate the 28th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. King. It was Messrs. King and Harwood's 25th peal together. St. Nicholas is said to be the largest parish church in England.

We refer elsewhere to the passing of Mr. Richard Evans, of Bridgend, Glamorganshire. On the occasion of his funeral a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. It was a last tribute of his ringing friends and also a memorial peal to Mr. H. Bailey, who was buried the previous week at Yetminster, Dorset, where he was a ringer for many years. His son, Mr. Edward T. Bailey, took part in the peal.

The peal of Minor at Rougham, Suffolk, on January 15th, was the first on the bells since they were rehung.

In honour of the birth of Brian Crisp Lovett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lovett, of St. Saviour's, Jersey, a peal in eight methods of Minor was rung at Ranworth, Norfolk. Mr. Lovett was for some years a member of St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich. No more than four methods had previously been rung in a peal at Ranworth.

GOOD GOING.

To conduct four peals in a week, just in the ordinary course of ringing, is pretty good going. Having begun with the peal at Ranworth on Thursday, January 20th, Mr. Nolan Golden then called peals of Cambridge Major, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major before the next Thursday came round. And in addition he took part in a peal of Treble Twelve!

The Treble Ten was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, where Mr. William E. Bason, who rang the second, has now rung each of the 13 bells to a peal.

The composition, by Mr. Golden, was rung for the first time and was in nine courses, with the 6th the extent in 5-6 without the 2nd in 6th's, and all combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6. It has been produced in two different ways with the same course-ends. Here are the figures:—

5,000	M	W	H	5,040	M	W	H
54326		2	2	54326		2	2
25346			†	25346			†
42563	2	2	2	42563	2	2	2
24365	2		2	24365	2		2
23645		1	2	23645			†
52436	2	1	2	52436	2	1	2
35264	2	2	2	35264	2	2	2
32654			*	32654			†
23456	2		2	23456	2		2

† 6th's B 7th's 2W 2H. * M In 5th's 2W 2H. † 6th's B 7th's 2W 1H.

Both contains 6th the extent in 5-6, without 2nd in 6th's, and all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

Mr. W. J. Nudds, who was once well known among those who rang many peals with the Cumberland Youths and the Middlesex Association, but who was laid aside for a long period by serious illness, took part in a peal of Cambridge at Willesden on January 25th—his first peal of Surprise for nine years. Mr. Nudds was one of the band who rang the 18,027 Stedman Caters at Loughborough in 1909, referred to elsewhere in these notes.

KEEN BAND IN SOMERSET TOWER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. A. E. COLES.

The bellringers of Goathurst, Somerset, held their annual meeting at the Rectory on Wednesday evening, January 19th. After the election of officers for the current year and other business had been completed, the Rector (the Rev. E. de B. Saunderson), on behalf of the members of the tower, and Mr. R. G. Seymour, Rector's warden, presented Mr. A. E. Coles with a marble pen stand and pen. In making the gift, the Rector said they had asked Mr. Coles to meet them that evening, because they were not unmindful of all his great kindness and trouble through a number of years in his efforts to promote scientific bellringing amongst the ringers of their little village. It was a matter of great satisfaction to him (the Rector) and to the rest of their small community that at last Mr. Coles' efforts had been crowned with success. After a lapse of some 18 years the bells were now in working order, and they had a band of keen ringers. On behalf of them, Mr. Seymour and himself, he asked Mr. Coles to accept the small gift as a token of their very great appreciation of all he had done for them. They hoped he might long be spared to carry on his great work and to hear the bells of Goathurst.

Mr. Coles, in reply, thanked the members not only for the gift, but for the kindly thought that prompted it. From a very early age he was interested in scientific bellringing; it was one of his great hobbies and a labour of love, especially when he had such keen members to work with.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

THE MASTERSHIP.

Proposal for Graduation Through Stewardships Rejected.

A large gathering of Cumberlands from all parts of London and the Home Counties took place on Saturday, January 22nd, on the occasion of the annual meeting of the society. There was ringing during the afternoon both at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, and St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and everyone present enjoyed the opportunity of 'having a pull' on these two famous 'twelves.' Approximately 70 members sat down to a first-class tea, served in the Crypt of St. Martin's, and for the benefit of the ladies who so kindly waited on those present, a touch of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

After tea the business meeting was held in the Vestry Hall, presided over by the Rev. Pat McCormick, supported by the officers.

The hon. treasurer (Mr. G. W. Steere) presented his balance sheet, which showed a substantial increase in the balance in hand. The receipts included the subscriptions of 18 members elected during 1937.—The accounts were adopted.

The acting hon. secretary (Mr. N. Summerhayes), in presenting his report, said that when elected assistant secretary at the previous annual meeting he had hardly anticipated that in a few weeks he would be acting in the capacity of secretary to the society. He referred to the passing of Mr. George A. Card, the late hon. secretary, and, coupling with his name those of three other members who had died during the year, he asked the meeting to pay tribute in the usual way by standing for a few moments in silence.

This having been done, Mr. Summerhayes proceeded to say that during the year 14 peals had been rung, consisting of Stedman Cinques 3, Stedman Caters 1, Cambridge Royal 1, Cambridge Major 1, Superlative Major 1, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 1, Minor in six methods 2, Minor in seven methods 2. One of the peals had been rung in honour of the Coronation, and special mention was made that, of the 14 peals, seven had been conducted by Mr. George Gilbert and rung by his young band in the Burnham district. The number of new members elected during the year had been 18. Three quarterly meetings had been held, by far the most successful being at Hampstead, with Highgate and Gospel Oak. Mr. Summerhayes urged all members to make a special point of attending these quarterly meetings, as attendances in one or two instances had been extremely disappointing.

It gave cause for great satisfaction, he said, to be able to record the successful revival of the annual dinner, which about 100 members had attended in March, 1937. Referring to the question of Sunday service ringing, he pointed out that they experienced great difficulty in keeping the bells going, and that it would be much appreciated if all who could would help in this respect. He concluded by thanking those who had given him advice and assistance during the year and also the clergy who had put their bells at their disposal for meetings and peal attempts.

Prior to the election of officers, a resolution was put to the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. A. Pulling, seconded by Mr. J. Parker, that the position of Master of the society should be held by a person who had graduated through the junior and senior stewardships. The proposer pointed out that the system would benefit the society, as it would give encouragement and consequently enthusiasm to the younger members, who would have a better chance of occupying the chair at least once.

A lively discussion followed, during which the Rev. P. McCormick asked the meeting to bear in mind that they would be committing themselves severely in passing this resolution and to consider the difference between a 'a custom' and 'a rule.' On a vote being taken the motion was defeated.

The following officers were then elected: Master, Mr. George H. Cross; hon. secretary, Mr. Norman Summerhayes; hon. treasurer, Mr. George W. Steere; trustees, Mr. A. Hardy, Mr. F. Smith; auditors, Mr. T. Newman, Mr. F. Symonds; stewards—senior, Mr. T. Bevan; junior, Mr. R. Heazel.

The election of two members prior to peal attempts was confirmed and the following new members elected: Mr. S. Smith, Northwood; Mr. H. Pendry, Pinner; Mr. W. J. Robinson, Guildford; Mr. W. Forrester, Brentwood; Mr. B. Hines, Brentwood; Mr. W. Woodley, Hitcham; Mr. A. Rance, Binfield; Miss J. Blackman, Wokingham; Mr. E. J. Relfe, Lamberhurst; Mr. C. Lord, Northwood.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Hornchurch in March, Reading in July, and Chislehurst in October.

The secretary announced that the annual dinner would be held on March 19th at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and said that he hoped that members and friends would support the function as they had done in the previous year.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Pat McCormick was passed.—The Vicar, in reply, thanked the society for their co-operation, and said that he hoped the society would continue to flourish.

Recognition was also made of the services rendered to the society during the year by the officers, and thanks were accorded to the ladies who had prepared and served the tea.

The meeting concluded with further ringing at St. Martin-in-the-Fields until 9 p.m.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS FOR FARNHAM DISTRICT.

The Farnham District of the Guildford Diocesan Guild decided, at the annual district meeting, held at Farnham, on January 22nd, to try the experiment of Wednesday meetings, and it was left to the hon. secretary to arrange two of them on suitable dates. This is an entirely new departure for the Guild, and the other districts will watch it with interest.

After service in the Parish Church, at which the Rector (Canon E. M. Girling) gave a practical address on the objects of church-going, a party numbering over fifty gathered for tea and the business meeting. Canon Girling (who presided over the early part of the proceedings) was supported by Major J. H. B. Hesse (Master of the Guild), Mr. J. Corbett (hon. treasurer), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (hon. general secretary), Mr. R. Hasted (District Ringing Master), Mr. C. W. Denyer (district hon. secretary) and members from Aldershot, Bagshot, Farnham, Bentley, Seale, Frensham, Crondall and Yorktown, and visitors from Guildford (S. Nicolas'), West Clandon, Horsell, Hornchurch (Essex), Coleman's Hatch (Sussex) and Wanstead (Essex).

At the outset the Rector referred to Mr. E. Clapshaw, now 93, who has recently come home from hospital and is recovering from an operation. 'He has not been up in the tower yet,' said the Rector, 'but he seems to be quite all right once more. He really is a marvellous old man.'

Later a resolution of good wishes and congratulation was passed to Mr. Clapshaw, who had celebrated his birthday a few days before.

All the officers of the district were re-elected and the balance sheet adopted. The latter showed receipts of £11 10s. from ringing members and £3 10s. from hon. members. Half this sum was remitted to the general funds, and, after paying the expenses of the district, the balance in hand had been increased by 2s. 8d. to £15 12s. 8d.

The hon. secretary's report stated that steady progress had been made in most towers in the district. The average attendance at the district meetings had been 45, and about 75 per cent. of this attendance was made by district members, who had also well supported the Guild functions. Membership had decreased by nine, the total now being 118 ringing members and 27 honorary. Benevolent Fund boxes had so far yielded £3 3s. 4d., but several more had yet to come in.

The Master congratulated the several ringers who had rung their first peals and the Aldershot band upon the amount of work they put in in the interests of the Guild.

CHANGE OF GUILD SECRETARY.

The secretary stated that Mr. Goldsmith, who had been general secretary of the Guild for 10 years, thought it was time to retire. Mr. Grover had promised to take his place. He proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Goldsmith for his services.

Mr. Goldsmith said when he asked the Executive Committee to consider the question of the appointment of a successor they found great difficulty in getting anyone to take the post. He asked them to give their support to the nomination of Mr. Grover and to support him when he went into office in the way they had supported him (Mr. Goldsmith). If they did that he knew that the success of the Guild was assured, because Mr. Grover was the right man for the job. In him they would have an efficient and competent secretary.

Major Hesse endorsed what Mr. Goldsmith had said, and it was decided to support Mr. Grover's nomination.

Major Hesse was nominated Master, Mr. J. Corbett treasurer and Mr. R. Hasted auditor.

Five new members were elected from Seale, four from Aldershot and two from Yorktown, and the Rev. Philip Wheeldon was elected as an hon. member.

It was decided to give two guineas to the Guild's new Cathedral bells fund.

The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the hon. secretary (Mr. C. W. Denyer) for all his enthusiastic work.—In reply, Mr. Denyer mentioned that 20 members of his own tower were present at that meeting and in the district they were all a very happy family.

At the suggestion of the general hon. secretary, it was decided to support the appeal made for a donation towards the fund for new bells at St. Andrew's Church, Northampton, and a collection realised 14s. 3d.

Thanks were accorded to the Rector, the Rev. P. Wheeldon, the organist, the choir, Mr. Hasted and all who had helped in making the arrangements.

The Parish Church bells were made good use of before the service and after the meeting, and some good practice put in in a variety of methods.

FIRST QUARTER-PEALS.

HOLLOWAY.—On Sunday morning January 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. S. Turner (first quarter-peal away from the tenor) 1, Mrs. Akers 2, R. Newman 3, H. Brown (first quarter-peal 'inside') 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, R. Charge 7, A. Johnson 8.—On Sunday, January 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. S. Turner 1, H. Turner (first quarter-peal 'inside') 2, R. Charge 3, R. Newman 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner (conductor) 6, F. Akers 7, G. Tetmar (first quarter-peal) 8.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**APPEAL TO EASTERN DISTRICT MEMBERS.**

A meeting of the Eastern District took place at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, January 22nd, when members were present from Newcastle, Gosforth, Fenham, Gateshead, Sunderland, South Shields, Chester-le-Street, Durham and West Hartlepool. A short meeting took place after tea. Mr. R. L. Patterson presided and welcomed the new president of the association, Mr. Oubridge, and the ringers from other districts.

The Vicar was thanked for the use of the bells, and so also were the local ringers for the arrangements they had made.

It was proposed that West Hartlepool be the next place of meeting on Saturday, March 19th. Although West Hartlepool is the 'out-lying' place of the Eastern District, it is hoped that the members will rally round the officials for the occasion.

There are still many Eastern District members who fail to attend the meetings, and it is to be hoped that they will give their support to the district meetings and help the officials to keep them going.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich.

CRAYFORD'S GOOD RECORD.**TWENTY-FOUR TOWER BELL PEALS IN THE YEAR.**

At Crayford, Kent, in 1937, 24 peals were rung out of 34 attempts, one peal being lost through illness.

The peals consisted of 4 Stedman Triples, 3 Cambridge Surprise, 2 Kent Treble Bob, 2 Bob Major, 2 Grandsire Triples, and 1 each of Lincolnshire Surprise, Double Norwich, Real Double Norwich, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Clement's, Reverse Bob, Hereward, Dartford Little Bob, Erith Little Bob, Painswick College Bob and Pulford Bob, the last two methods being rung for the first time.

The conductors were E. A. Barnett 10, T. Groombridge, jun. 6, D. M. Sharp 4, H. E. Audsley 2, and J. J. L. Gilbert and H. Hovard 1 each.

There were 14 'first peals in the method as conductor' and 63 'first peals in the method,' D. M. Sharp collecting 11 of the latter.

In addition eight handbell peals were rung: 1 Bob Maximus, 3 Bob Royal, 1 Granta Treble Bob Royal, 2 Bob Major and 1 Grandsire Triples, with 12 'firsts' among them.

Of the above, Cambridge Surprise and Grandsire Triples on tower bells, and one each of Bob Major, Royal and Maximus on handbells were rung by members of the local band.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SOUTH NORFOLK BRANCH'S RECORD MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the South Norfolk Branch of the Norwich Diocesan Association was held at Diss on January 15th. The bells of the Parish Church, and those at St. Peter's, Palgrave, were rung to various methods from Bob Major to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major during the afternoon and evening.

The association's special form of service was used in Diss Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. L. Holt-Wilson). The lesson was read by the Rural Dean (the Rev. T. A. Nock), Rector of Bressingham. Other robed clergy present were the Rev. C. H. Barber (Winfarthing) and the Rev. J. F. S. Gardiner (Palgrave). The Rev. A. St. J. Heard (Bergh Apton) was also present in the congregation. Mr. C. P. Cowell, B.A., Mus.Bac., was at the organ.

Fifty members and friends sat down to tea at the Waveney Hotel, this being a record number. After tea a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by H. Moss, C. J. More, F. N. Golden, E. F. Poppy and J. A. Godfrey.

The Rector of Diss presided over the business meeting in the absence of the branch chairman, Mr. W. L. Duffield, through illness. He was supported by the Rev. T. A. Nock, R.D., the Rev. C. H. Barber, the Rev. A. St. J. Heard, the Rev. J. F. S. Gardiner, Capt. Ager, C.A., Mr. F. Nolan Golden (general secretary and treasurer of the association), Mr. A. G. Harrison (branch secretary), Messrs. G. Bennett, C. J. More, E. Whiting, R. Riches (members of the committee), G. J. Moss and H. Bardwell (churchwardens), C. P. Cowell (organist) and W. H. Harrison (parish clerk). Ringers were present from Alburgh, Attleborough, Braiseworth, Bergh Apton, Colton, Caston, Diss, Garboldisham, Garvestone, Gressingham, Mendlesham, Norwich, Palgrave, Pulham Market, Redenhall, Redgrave, Shelfanger, Swaffham, Stoke Ash, Winfarthing and Wetheringsett.

All the branch officers were re-elected, the Rural Dean (the Rev. T. A. Nock) was elected an honorary member, and eight new performing members were also elected.

Mr. F. Nolan Golden proposed a vote of thanks to all who had assisted to make the meeting so successful.

DEATH OF NETTLEBED RINGER.

Following the interment of Frederick Goodall, for 14 years a ringer at the local tower, 1,260 changes (10½ extents) of Grandsire Doubles was rung at Nettlebed, Oxon: The Rev. R. D. St. G. Edwards (Checkendon) 1. T. J. Cobb (Ramsgate) 2. N. Golden (Norwich) (conductor) 3. M. G. Daly (Checkendon) 4. S. Smith (Nettlebed) 5. W. French (Nettlebed) 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 4 and 6.

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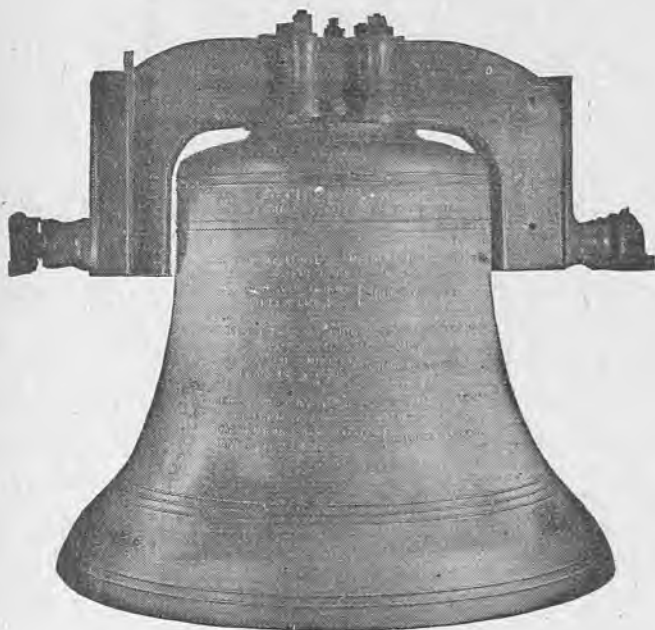
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The supply of 'The Glossary,' which the Central Council is distributing free to associations who pay postage, is now rapidly running out. Associations who desire to have them should write at once to the Hon. Librarian, Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Lindley Lodge, near Nuneaton.

The Guildford Diocesan Guild is to have a change of secretary this year. Mr. J. S. Goldsmith is retiring and Mr. G. L. Grover has been nominated to succeed him. Mr. Grover is the Guildford District secretary and one of the Guild's representatives on the Central Council, where he is a member of the Peals Analysis Committee.

The bells of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, were ringing on Saturday afternoon in connection with a district meeting. In a passing bus were three employees of the bus company and four or five ringers.

When he heard the bells the conductor said to his mates: 'Merry Christmas, chaps. That's the best music there is. At any rate, it's a lot better than that hot jazz stuff on the wireless.'

'Hear, hear,' said the ringers. The conductor did not know who his passengers were.

Mr. George Stacey, of Minehead, had a surprise on Saturday week when, in recognition of his 35 years' service as hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, he was presented with a wing easy chair by clergy and ringers of the deanery.

Fortunately for the Lincoln Guild meeting at Gainsborough tomorrow, the tenor at the Parish Church has been made ringable. At one time it was feared this might not be possible.

The meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch of the Lancashire Association tomorrow has had to be transferred to Ulverston.

In 1929 the late Mr. Arthur Craven published the figures of a peal of Bob Major with 4-6-8 and 6-4-8 course ends. In the following issue of 'The Ringing World' he wrote that it was false and gave a revised version, which, he said, 'puts everything true.'

In June, 1937, the original composition was rung at Rotherham. Its falseness was rediscovered and is pointed out on page 96 of the new Yorkshire report, where the 'amended' figures are given. But this, too, is false. The figures of the two compositions appeared in 'The Ringing World' of March 29th and April 5th, 1929.

But here is the irony of the whole thing. Last Saturday, to replace the false peal of June, the 'amended' composition was rung at Eckington! Alas!

BELL BROADCASTS.

THE RINGING AT ST. PETER'S, BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is with great regret that I feel compelled to reply publicly to Mr. Skidmore's letter. Whilst I can agree with the general remarks about broadcast ringing and B.B.C. supervision, I think your correspondent should have added these facts regarding St. Peter's, Bristol. We were a young band (about two years) composed *entirely* of learners, and in our enthusiasm when asked to ring 'over the air' we agreed. No one came forward afterwards and told us our ringing was 'disgraceful'; in fact, we were congratulated on our striking. I admit we only rang a plain course of Grandsire Doubles, but as a recent speaker pointed out, even that, well struck, is preferable to a more elaborate method, badly struck. I think Mr. Skidmore, as one of the ringers who taught us to pull, could have at least given a little different expression of encouragement to young ringers.

Bristol.

A. BENNETT, Captain of St. Peter's Ringers.

MERTON DISAPPOINTMENT.

Sir,—Having never heard or rung the bells of St. Mary's, Merton, I tuned in at 9.25 a.m. on Sunday, January 30th, expecting a treat, but, lo and behold! what a miserable exhibition came through! The very idea of 'jumping' the bells into rounds is appalling when broadcast ringing. Although there are only five bells at Merton, one would have thought some 'real' ringers would have been 'imported' to give us, say, 120 changes of Stedman Doubles to listen to instead of that apology for ringing.

I cannot understand why the B.B.C. waste the five minutes interval before switching on the bells for evening services. Recently at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields the treble was in the slow in Stedman Caters, so only the last 13 changes were heard instead of a whole course, which could have been heard if put on the ether at 7.50 p.m.

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

WIVELISCOMBE TOWER.

TAUNTON DEANERY SECRETARY DENIES ASPERSIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to assure Messrs. Hartnell and Parkman, of Wiveliscombe, that no implication of their tower was made or intended at the annual meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. The secretary's report and the choosing of towers for quarterly meetings are two entirely separate items of the agenda, and in neither was anything said which, by the greatest stretch of imagination, could be construed as derogatory to the Wiveliscombe tower. I think that if any of the Wiveliscombe band had been at the meeting they would be the first to acknowledge this.

R. W. HAYWARD,

Hon. Secretary, Taunton Deanery.

LEADING CONDUCTORS—4.**GEORGE R. NEWTON.**

Lancashire has no more popular ringer than Mr. George R. Newton, of Liverpool, who, for more than thirty years, has rendered invaluable service to the Lancashire Association in many directions. Since he went to live in Liverpool in 1904, Mr. Newton has taken an active share in the association's affairs. He has served on the committee since 1920, was vice-president in 1929 and 1930, and has represented the association on the Central Council since 1929. Moreover, only two other members, as far as we know, have rung more peals for the Lancashire organisation.

Mr. Newton was born at Prescott, Lancashire, but the first days of his ringing career were spent at Oxtun, Cheshire. He is an example of triumph over early failure. His first attempt to pull a bell was so disappointing to him that he did not try again for eight months. But it was a good thing for ringing that he returned to the belfry.

At one time Mr. Newton spent nearly two years at Chislehurst, Kent, but he has been in the Merseyside city for more than 33 years and for the last 20 has been a regular Sunday service ringer at the twelve-bell tower of St. Nicholas.

His first peal was rung on November 5th, 1898, at Woodchurch, Cheshire. It was a peal in five Minor methods, and by a coincidence Mr. Newton called his first peal at the same church. This was in seven methods, on March 24th, 1900.

Among the many peals upon which he looks back with pride is one of 7,200 in ten Minor methods at Frodsham, Cheshire, in April, 1911, conducted by Mr. E. H. Lewis. The band included the late Rev. A. T. Beeston, the late Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and the late Mr. H. W. Wilde, who frequently averred that this was one of his best performances.

Mr. Newton is one of the comparatively few ringers who have called peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, and peals on all numbers of bells from five to twelve. He conducted the last peal on the old ten bells at Manchester Town Hall, a peal of Stedman Caters on June 6th, 1925. A peal there in those days was always a big job and this was no exception, for it was rung on one of the hottest days of the year. In May, 1928, Mr. Newton took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Liverpool—the first in the North of England, and then five years later the first of Cambridge Maximus out of England—at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, when a company made a dash across the Irish Sea on Friday night, raided Dublin on Saturday, and returned with the spoils on Saturday night.

He has scored 473 peals, of which he has conducted 253. They have been rung in 163 towers, in 23 counties for 21 societies, but the Lancashire Association claims over 300 of this total.

Next Week: Mr. Albert Walker.**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

A quarterly meeting for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Coseley, when about 40 members and friends assembled. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were varied—to suit all comers—and included a course of London Surprise.

The Rev. N. Watson (Vicar) conducted the service, and, after giving the company a welcome to Coseley, delivered a practical address.

An adjournment was then made to the schools, where a nice tea was laid. A meeting for general practice was arranged to be held at Penkridge on Saturday, February 26th, and the next quarterly meeting at Wednesbury on Saturday, April 23rd, both subject to approval at the respective places.

The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address, etc., and to the ladies who served at the tea tables terminated the meeting.

Some returned to the belfry, while others paid a visit to Bilston to 'see the shops.'

**MR. GEORGE R. NEWTON.****RINGING AT A THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE.****SOCIETY FORMED AT KELHAM.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Those of your readers who heard or read Mr. E. H. Lewis' speeches at the College Youths' tercentenary dinner and the Guildford Diocesan Guild's recent dinner, when he appealed for more of the younger clergy to make themselves acquainted with the subject of bellringing at an early stage in their careers, will no doubt be interested to hear of the great effort which is being made to establish ringing at Kelham Theological College, near Newark, where Mr. A. F. Sargent has recently started a band of change ringers.

Mr. Sargent is one of the original members of the flourishing Glasgow band, which was started in 1929 and rang the first peal at St. Mary's Cathedral (Grandsire Caters) on Coronation Day, and he has succeeded in transmitting his enthusiasm to a number of his fellow-students, with the result that four of them have already made good headway with Bob Major on handbells. As yet they have had no opportunity to learn tower-bell ringing, but they hope soon to get permission to start a regular practice at one of the nearby towers.

What is perhaps the most encouraging feature of this effort is that (in Mr. Sargent's own words) 'even those at the college who do not ring are being taught the rudiments and the importance of the art, so that when they go out into their parishes as priests and curates they will have at least some knowledge of bellringing, and will, therefore, be more able to take an intelligent and sympathetic interest in their bells and their ringers.'

This is Mr. Sargent's last year at Kelham, and he is most anxious, therefore, to make as much progress with his band as possible before he leaves in the summer.

They have two particular—and urgent—needs. The first is some books on the subject. They have a 'Troyte,' but could do with some of the elementary text-books, which would stimulate their interest, increase their knowledge and give them hints on conducting. These they hope to acquire gradually out of their own pockets, though any gifts would be very welcome.

The second is a more expensive item, namely, a set of handbells. Up to the present they have had to rely on the kindness of the Southwell ringers, who have generously placed their handbells at the disposal of the Kelham band when they have not been using them themselves; but, of course, they never know when they receive them how long they will be able to keep them, which is rather unsettling for a keen band! A small hut, conveniently situated at some distance from the main buildings, has been placed at their disposal by the authorities, and this the ringers have themselves cleaned up and converted into a 'belfry.'

Their great dream now is to be able to furnish it with a set of handbells which they can call their own. They realise, however, that it will be some time before they can hope to save up enough to purchase these themselves; and time is an important factor, as, if the future of the society is to be assured on a really sound basis, it is essential that the auspicious start that has been made should be followed up energetically in the next few months, before their leading member leaves in the summer.

If, therefore, any of your readers would like to make some small contribution towards the cost of a set of handbells, I should be most glad if they would get in touch with me, and I will see what can be done.

In this way we should, I know, be giving most welcome encouragement to Mr. Sargent and his fellow-pioneers at Kelham, and helping to ensure the continued prosperity of a band which—if adequately supported and encouraged—might well produce a regular supply of ringing parsons in the future.

STEPHEN H. WOOD.

22, York Gardens, Clifton, Bristol.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.**ALL BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT TOWERS AFFILIATED.**

The annual general meeting of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Basingstoke on Saturday, January 29th, and was attended by 89 of the 124 ringing members. Owing to the absence through illness of the Vicar, the service, which was held in St. Michael's Church, was conducted by the Rev. G. W. O. Addleshaw, who also gave the address.

In his report, the hon. secretary (Major Stilwell) mentioned continued good attendances at quarterly meetings, and welcomed the affiliation of Stratfieldsaye, the last remaining tower in the district. He regretted the departure of the Rev. C. Tooth from Rotherwick, for he had worked hard to bring efficiency to his tower, and had himself learned to manage a bell. The Guild mourned the loss of Mr. F. Wilson and Mr. W. Hunt, two stalwarts who would be very hard to replace. Subscriptions continued to come in regularly from the towers, resulting in a balance of £20 19s. 4d. The co-operation of secretaries in neighbouring districts was much valued in helping to fix meetings.

The District Chairman, the Rev. G. H. Jeurwine, in closing the meeting, stressed the necessity of recruiting ringers beyond the number of bells in a tower in order to ensure Sunday ringing at full strength. It was vital that the public should realise the importance of the message entrusted to the ringers.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A SOLID POSITION.

Mr. Leslie Morris Elected Secretary.

The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Leeds on Saturday last, and was well attended by members from a wide area. By kind permission of the respective clergy, the fine rings at Leeds Parish Church, St. Michael's, Headingley, and St. Chad's, Far Headingley, were available, and made good use of during the day.

The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar, Canon W. Thompson Elliott, M.A., whose homely address was much appreciated. He extended a hearty welcome to the association, adding his appreciation of the work they did for the Church, and expressing the hope that they would again make Leeds the venue of another visit in the near future.

Afterwards, tea was served in the St. Peter's Hall, and an adjournment was then made to the Schools, where the annual meeting took place, presided over by the president, Canon C. C. Marshall, M.A., supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. S. F. Palmer), the hon. peal secretary (Mr. W. Barton), and the vice-presidents (Messrs. P. J. Johnson and G. Lewis).

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. F. Clark and H. C. Walters.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens on the motion of Mr. F. G. Sherwood, seconded by Mr. G. Horner.

A vote of thanks to the local company was proposed by Mr. F. Chapman, seconded by Mr. J. Ambler and carried unanimously.—Mr. J. A. Teale, who replied, said that it had been a pleasure to them to entertain the association, and if the association were satisfied with the arrangements he assured them that the Leeds ringers were amply repaid.

The President, in presenting the 62nd annual report, drew attention to the fact that the membership now stood at 1,293—a net increase of 22 for the year. As no member's name could be retained on the books unless his subscription for the current year had been paid, it followed that all of this number were fully paid up members. This was most gratifying and a good indication of the interest taken in the association.

In presenting the peal secretary's report, he (Canon Marshall) drew attention to the great debt of gratitude the association owed to Mr. Barton, the peal secretary, for compiling this report, which, he said, required not only skill, but very close attention to detail. They were doubly grateful to Mr. Barton for consenting to carry on this work for another period, especially when remembering he had so little time to spare. Statistics from the report showed that 89 peals had been rung during the year, at 57 different churches and one handbell centre. Thirty-four members had rung their first peal, and 98 members had rung their first peal in one particular method. Four members had rung their first peal as conductor.

The balance sheet showed a gain of £17 7s. 8d. on the year's working, and the total worth of the association now stood at £362 13s. 3d. He was sure they all considered this most satisfactory, and felt very grateful to the treasurer, Mr. S. F. Palmer, for his able handling of this important part of the association's affairs.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Lewis, seconded by Mr. A. E. West, the report was unanimously adopted. The auditors were accorded hearty thanks for their report on the motion of Mr. E. Hudson, seconded by Miss L. K. Bowling.

Mr. J. E. Cawser, the general secretary, having found it necessary not to seek re-election on account of increased business engagements, the President said it was with regret that they accepted Mr. Cawser's resignation. They wished to place on record their great appreciation

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MR. LESLIE W. G. MORRIS,
Yorkshire Association's New
Secretary.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BLAENAVON.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Blaenavon on Saturday, January 22nd, members attending from the extreme end of the Llandaff Diocese. The bells, a light ring of six by Rudhall, were set going early in the afternoon to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, and later in the evening to Oxford and Cambridge Minor.

Shortened evensong was conducted by the Rev. T. J. Dodd in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

An excellent tea, very generously provided by the church authorities, was served in the Schoolroom, ladies of the parish serving the meal.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. T. J. Dodd, who at the outset, on behalf of the Vicar and parish, extended a cordial welcome to the association.

Reports dealing with instruction and restorations were presented, and several new members were elected, including one life member.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baglan. Following what has lately appeared in 'The Ringing World' with regard to the payment of subscriptions, the hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) at some length tackled the subject with good results.

The recently-made national appeal for the proposed augmentation of bells in Northampton was read by the hon. secretary, and after some discussion a whip round was made with a very fair response.

The Master (the Rev. Ivor J. Richards) proposed a vote of thanks for the kindness and hospitality given. The bells were afterwards rung until late, when a splendid meeting was brought to a close.

SALISBURY GUILD BRANCH CHAIRMAN HONOURED.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has conferred on Canon Hellins, Rector of Marnhull and chairman of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity—a distinction seldom bestowed on any below the rank of a Bishop.

In celebration of the event quarter-peals were rung at two Wiltshire towers attached to the branch. At St. Martin's Church, Zeals, on January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: L. Chaplin 1, F. Ball 2, J. Paul 3, G. Bunce 4, L. Perrett (conductor) 5, F. Chaplin 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor. The quarter-peal was also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 4th on the birth of a daughter.

At Mere Parish Church, on January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: V. Hill 1, J. Ralph 2, J. Paul 3, J. Gray 4, G. Bunce 5, E. J. Rowe 6, F. A. Coward (conductor) 7, B. Sheppard 6.

AN ASSOCIATION TO BE PROUD OF.

(Continued from previous column.)

of the services rendered to the association by Mr. Cawser during his term of office. In welcoming Mr. Leslie W. G. Morris, of Leeds, as Mr. Cawser's successor, he (Canon Marshall) paid tribute to his skill as a ringer and conductor, and hoped he would be happy in his new office.

Mr. Morris, in reply, referred to the healthy state of the association, as indicated in the report. No doubt many of them, he said, had read the reports of other associations in 'The Ringing World,' and he felt sure, from what he himself had not only read but witnessed in his travels about the country, that they were an association of which they might well be proud. He thought it most fitting that he should at that juncture pay tribute to the past officers of the association, who through the years had laboured so unremittingly to build up what was now one of the greatest territorial ringing associations. He would, during his tenure of office, try to uphold those great traditions which had always been characteristic of their association.

On the motion of Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, seconded by Mr. T. B. Kendall, it was unanimously decided to try and arrange the next general meeting at Knaresborough.

The following new members were elected: The Rev. J. H. B. Andrews, of Leeds; W. Leach and J. Boyes, of York; A. Paddon Smith, Birmingham; Thomas Edwards and W. Barber.

Mr. George Robinson reminded the members that the next meeting of the Central Council was due to be held in Leeds, and asked to what extent were they prepared to go in the matter of finance so far as entertaining the delegates was concerned.—After some discussion it was eventually agreed to give full autonomy to the sub-committee appointed for the purpose.

Mr. G. Wilfred Slack then drew the attention of the meeting to what purported to be a true composition of Bob Major, which was printed on page 96 of the report, and there given to correct a false composition which was also shown. All conductors who had the current report are therefore asked to note that both the compositions given on page 96 are false.

A vote of thanks to the president (Canon C. C. Marshall) was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. G. Lewis and carried with applause.

Further ringing afterwards took place in a variety of methods, bringing to a close an enjoyable and memorable occasion.

'CANNED BELLS.'

WEYMOUTH INNOVATION DISCUSSED.

Salisbury Guild's Resolution of Regret.

'The Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers has heard with regret of the proposal to instal gramophone records instead of bells in certain towers capable of holding bells in this area, and trusts that the Bishop of the Diocese and the Advisory Board will recommend that this matter be reconsidered by the Church Councils concerned, and offers financial and instructional aid if and when a peal is definitely considered.'

This resolution, carried unanimously, was passed at a largely attended meeting at Dorchester on Saturday week, when a discussion took place on the subject of 'canned' bells. It arose out of the introduction of the use of gramophone records and amplifiers at St. John's Church, Weymouth. The meeting was attended by about a hundred members.

The Rev. A. W. Markby (chairman of the branch and Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester) said to some of them it was a tremendous shock when they heard that synthetic bells were booming from the tower of St. John's Church, Weymouth. They must, of course, be prepared for new things and new inventions, for they were living in an age when almost everything was becoming mechanised. He had lived long enough to realise that in this trend towards mechanisation they were losing some of their finer arts. There was a great danger that with mechanisation they would lose individuality, individual progress, and activity of mind, and with the loss of those things they would lose that precious thing which they called originality. In bellringing they had an originality that had been handed down for about 600 years. Everyone would be sorry if they lost the art of bellringing through the push of some mechanised contrivance.

He thought that this new mechanised contrivance of 'synthetic bells' was a real challenge to those who were keen on bellringing—a challenge to keep up their end and to show that they had the heavier end.

If they were going to maintain the good work which had been carried on for so many years and to show their enthusiasm, they had to remember that while one man could wind up an apparatus or set electricity going, it needed eight or 12 men to ring a peal of bells. These men were doing loyal and willing service for their church and for the honour and glory of God.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Vicar of East Lulworth) said he did not know exactly what these bells were or what they sounded like, but as scientific change ringers they would naturally say 'anathema, nothing doing.' There were, however, other points of view to consider.

Firstly, there was a parish which had a tower but could not afford bells; secondly, there were parishes that had towers which would not hold a peal of bells; and, thirdly, there was the parish where there were bells but no ringers. It was in this last case that he thought synthetic bells were a challenge to ringers. In the other two cases there seemed to be a case for having synthetic bells. He thought the weight of a large meeting like this might have some good result because he imagined the Bishop would be informed of any decision that was arrived at.

NO CHALLENGE TO BELLRINGERS.

Mr. W. C. Cornick, Vicar's warden at Weymouth St. John's and an honorary member of the Guild, said the question had been very much exaggerated. Since he had been connected with St. John's he had felt how much they would like to have bells there, but he was sorry to say that the foundations of the tower would not permit of it. Last December he said to a young fellow who was a keen chorister of St. John's how nice it would be if they could have some tubular bells in the tower. With the Vicar's consent he experimented with synthetic bells and everyone was delighted.

He could assure his hearers that this was in no way a challenge to bellringers—far from that.

Personally, he would much rather have proper bells, but he thought it must be agreed that, seeing they could not have bells, they should have the best substitute. In his opinion he did not think that synthetic bells were ever going to replace genuine bells. If they could have a peal at St. John's they would have them, for since he had been Vicar's warden the people had been very generous. Some few years ago they started to renovate the church, and in three years they got together £2,300.

Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary of the branch) read letters that he had received on the question.

Mr. J. T. Dyke, hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, wrote: 'I am wholeheartedly with you in your protest against mechanised bellringing. The lesson of the alabaster box of precious ointment—that only the best be given to Christ—has been overlooked. Such an invention does away with the spirit of service without which no act of worship is complete.'

Mr. Edwin Lewis, president of the Central Council, said: 'If there be a church with no tower, and no prospect of getting a tower suitable for a ring of bells, the choice seems to be between such a device (synthetic bells) and a single bell. The choice must be made by those concerned. We know that a single bell can be very irritating, and the "canned" bells might well be a distinct improvement.'

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

CREWE BRANCH SUPPORT FOR ANNUAL DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Christ Church, Crewe, on Saturday, January 15th. Ringing commenced just after 3 o'clock, with touches of Bob Royal, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. T. Stevens), the lesson being read by the Vicar of Marbury, the Rev. C. G. Dickson. A most appropriate address was given by the Rev. Canon H. W. Haworth, Vicar of Bowden, Altrincham, to the 68 ringers present.

Afterwards tea was served in the Parish Hall, kindly given by the Parochial Church Council.

The business meeting followed, with the Rev. S. T. Stevens in the chair.

The secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford, presented the statement of accounts, which, having been audited by Mr. Ferneyhough, of Alsager, and Mr. H. Clutton, of Marbury, was accepted.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. S. T. Stevens; hon. secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford, Crewe; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. T. Holding, Crewe; Ringing Master, Mr. George Biddulph, Lawton. Mr. Albert Crawley, of Wistaston, was appointed instructor, and Mr. William Edge, Crewe, was chosen as the representative of the General Committee. Mr. Ed. Boffey, of Nantwich, and Mr. G. Arrowsmith, of Lawton, were elected auditors.

The question of holding an annual Guild dinner was discussed, and on the proposition of Mr. F. Stenson, of Crewe, seconded by Mr. A. Crawley, of Wistaston, a recommendation was sent to the General Committee of the Guild in favour of such a gathering.

A summary was presented of the 1937 meetings, 11 in all, which were very well attended. Full marks went to the secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford, who had attended them all. Next came Mr. G. A. Packer, of Crewe, and Mr. G. Biddulph, of Lawton, who had only missed one. Mr. A. Crawley, Mr. B. Ferneyhough and Mr. J. Brassington made the next best attendance.

Mr. William Holding proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells; to Canon Haworth for his splendid address; to Mr. W. Dunning for presiding at the organ; to the Vicar and Parochial Church Council for the excellent tea; and to Mrs. Langford and all the ladies who prepared and served it.

Mr. Reg. Owen, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, said he always looked forward to the visit of the bellringers, and that the Parochial Church Council were always willing to do their share for the ringers.

Four new members were made from Marbury, Alsager, Wistaston and Wrenbury.

The following towers were represented: Acton, Alsager, Barthomley, Lawton, Kids Grove, Wistaston, Wrenbury, Nantwich, Crewe, Wyburn, Davenham, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Market Drayton and Wellington.

Ringling took place again later, from rounds to Stedman Caters, under the guidance of Mr. G. Biddulph, Ringing Master, finishing about 9 o'clock. Thanks are due to Mr. William Edge, the tower-keeper at Crewe, for having everything in such splendid order.

EXCEPTIONAL CASES MAY JUSTIFY SUBSTITUTES.

(Continued from previous column.)

The opinion was expressed in a letter from a former chairman of the branch, Mr. R. N. Dawes, that the ringing of bells, synthetic or otherwise, was a practical method of calling people's attention to the fact that it was Sunday and that a service was to be held. He did not think it was proper to raise any strong objection as the matter should be left to the various incumbents to do the best for their parishes.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, general secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, stated in his letter that, while he shared in the antagonism to mechanical devices as a general principle, there were exceptional cases where their use might be justified. It seemed that St. John's, Weymouth, was one of the few exceptions.

Mr. Jennings said the substitute for the real thing left a feeling that for the sake of effects of a sort, but certainly not spiritual effect, those who were responsible had made a sad and serious departure from the principles that had guided the pious builders of our churches in the past, when the very thought of subterfuge or sham was abhorrent, and nothing but the very best was considered good enough.

The Rev. A. S. Bryant (Rector of Upwey) said there were no actual bells at Christ Church, Weymouth, but eight steel cups. He thought it was a pity that in the debate they were centring their thoughts on St. John's Church, as there were two other churches in the Weymouth deanery in which this matter had been seriously taken up. Bellringing, he said, made all the difference in the spiritual life of a parish. The trouble with synthetic bells was a question of time, and it was simply a jangle, whereas change ringing was pure music. He expressed thanks to Mr. Cornick for explaining the circumstances at St. John's.

The Rev. C. A. Phillips said that synthetic bells might be used in exceptional cases, but where there was a tower with bells it was a challenge to the ringers to maintain this distinctive feature of British church life, and to give of their very best in the spirit of service and worship.

The resolution, drafted by the Rev. A. S. Bryant, was carried on the motion of Mr. Runyard, seconded by Mr. Cornick.

FOR BEGINNERS.

ANOTHER STEP FROM 'STONE'.

When a band, stepping from 'stone' to change ringing, have mastered movement from one place to the next and back again, in whole pulls or half-pulls, they will not find it difficult to go a stage further, and 'hunt' their bells.

Hunting is a process by which a bell moves upward from the front (which is leading) to the back (when all the other bells strike before it), and down again, by taking one bell at a time, thus increasing the number in front of it when going up, and decreasing the number when going down.

If, at first, the steps up and down are taken in whole pulls, the beginner will have more time to pick out the bell he has next to strike after. All the changing is done in pairs as was described last week, except that instead of going back to the place from which it came, the bell goes on to another place.

If it is the treble, it strikes first over one bell into 2nd's, next over two bells into 3rd's, then over three bells into 4th's, then four into 5th's, and lastly five into 6th's (assuming six bells are being used). It is more important at first to know how many bells to look for than to know the individual bell required. Looking for an individual bell may lead in the early stages to memorising the order in which they come—and that is not a good thing.

The simple rule when hunting up is to pull next time after the bell that this time is pulling after you. If it is done in whole pulls, there is more time to find it.

The reverse of this rule does not work so easily when hunting down—it would mean pulling next in front of the bell that this time is in front of you.

If, however, you count your places, that is to say strike in sixth's with five bells in front of you; next in fifth's with four bells in front of you; in fourth's with three bells in front, and so on, you can find your way down, until you have to lead, with some degree of certainty.

All the six bells do this hunting, except that they start from different places in the circle. The 2nd begins by leading and the 4th and 6th start hunting down, the fourth (having already three bells in front) beginning with two and then one, before leading, and the 6th with four bells, then three, and so on.

The treble, the third and the fifth hunt up, taking one extra bell at a time. It should be remembered that when reaching 6th's place and turning round, a bell has to stay behind for two pulls (either whole pulls or half pulls, whichever is being rung).

It is a good thing to see how this works out on paper, and the beginner can write out the figures which show the movement of bells if he starts with 1.2.3.4.5.6 and then changes all three pairs and the two middle pairs alternately.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The 15th annual meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Irchester, when ringers attended from Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Finedon, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Whiston, Yardley Hastings, Mears Ashby, Stanwick, Pytchley, Kingsthorpe, Burton Latimer, Warkton, Isham, Desborough and the local tower.

The Guild service was held during the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. F. Gunn), assisted by the Rural Dean and branch president (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, of Finedon).

Tea had been arranged in the schoolrooms by Mrs. Payne and other lady churchworkers, and 53 enjoyed the meal.

At the business meeting which followed, the branch president presided, supported by the Revs. G. G. Thompson (Wollaston), J. H. Marlow (Bozeat) and H. J. Smale (Whiston). Apologies for absence were received from the Marquis of Northampton, the Rev. J. Hill, Wellingborough, and the guild general secretary (Mr. R. G. Black).

Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. D. Brudenell (Irchester), A. Reeder (Mears Ashby) and A. Stone (Wellingborough).

The secretary presented a report, which showed the membership to be 3 honorary life, 16 honorary and 146 ringing members; of these 12 honorary and 112 ringing members have paid their subscriptions, while 17 are free under the Guild rules. The average quarterly meeting attendance was 40. Receipts were £1 11s. 11d. in excess of expenditure on the year, and £2 1s. 6d. had been collected for the Belfry Repair Fund. £3 had been given to Wellingborough Bell Restoration Fund.

All the officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Arthur Bigley; Ringing Master, Mr. Walter Perkins; Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and A. Plowman; Branch Committee, Messrs. A. Y. Tyler, F. Jones and A. H. Martin; auditor, Mr. E. H. Johnson, Earls Barton.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Mears Ashby.

The Chairman read messages received from the Rev. C. F. Westacott (formerly of Wilby) and from Mr. F. Barber (past secretary), now living at Mablethorpe. An invitation was also received to visit the Ladies' Guild meeting, to be held at Walgrave in February.

Thanks to the ladies who had made the tea arrangements, to the Vicar of Irchester, the organist and others who had assisted, were moved by the chairman, who, in turn, was thanked by the Rev. J. H. Marlow, seconded by Mr. A. Bigley.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL RINGER'S OPINION OF OUTLOOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to comment on three recent points of view in 'The Ringing World,' namely, the Editorial of December 24th on non-payment of subscriptions; and the letters of December 31st from Mr. E. R. Martin and of January 7th from Mr. P. W. Cave. Both these gentlemen observe that the Lancashire Association is decaying; do not they mean decayed?

If Mr. Martin, from Preston, considers Liverpool a 'fairly prosperous' ringing area, then I can only say 'distance lends enchantment to the scene.' Liverpool is a 'distressed area' in more senses than one, and if it is the most prosperous in Lancashire from bellringing standards, then let us disband the Lancashire Association to-morrow. 'Canned' bells are replacing the real thing at St. Mary's, Grassendale; Tuebrook and Widnes towers are silent. Is this a bright picture?

Mr. Cave deplores the lack of young ringers, and I presume the publicity he advocates includes attraction of raw material. Why not make the best of the material in hand? The raw learner gets plenty of encouragement; the well-known 'expert' or P.G. has plenty to keep his enthusiasm; but how about the poor fellow in between—the common service ringer? He must either be resolved to stay in the one rut all his ringing career, or he must worm his way into one of the exclusive peal ringing cliques. Yes, the joke, 'P.G.' really does exist, putting personal glory before everything. 'First' pealers are becoming fewer, new methods are taboo; it is, indeed, a very grave situation. The whole three subjects centre round peal ringing. More peal ringing by the ordinary ringer would mean more defaulting subscriptions paid, more enthusiasm and better striking.

Only by concerted action can we stop this rot. How about it?

T. S. HORRIDGE.

Liverpool.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PROPOSED BELL RESTORATION FUND.

The quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 15th, was well attended by members from Nuneaton, Bulkington, Wolvey, Rugby, Stoke, Allesley, Keresley, Church Lawford, Earl Shilton, Warwick, Lillington and Leamington Hastings, together with the local band. The bells of All Saints' Church were kept going during the afternoon in rounds, call changes and the majority of the standard methods.

The committee, in the vestry, discussed suitable meeting places for the next two months and various points to be brought up in the general meeting.

The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Moyle, M.A.), who gave an excellent address, which will long be remembered.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by lady relatives of the local ringers, upwards of 50 members and friends sitting down. The business meeting followed, the Vicar taking the chair. As the hon. secretary (Mr. M. C. Melville) had to leave immediately after tea, Mrs. D. E. Beamish (who was the Guild's hon. secretary from 1928-1935) acted as secretary for the meeting. Wolvey for February and Kenilworth for March were chosen for the next meetings.

The following new ringing members were elected: The Rev. W. H. Trickett, Church Lawford; Messrs. A. Astley and D. Wood, Leamington Hastings; W. Noon and T. Wilson, Burton Hastings; W. Ensor, F. East and T. Mawson, Keresley.

Mr. H. C. Burt (Lillington) proposed that a grant of one guinea be made to the Corley Restoration Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. D. Ellender and agreed to.

In view of the proximity of Easter, the date of the annual meeting, which is to be held at Warwick, was altered from April 16th to April 9th.

Mr. E. Stone gave notice that he would propose at the annual meeting that 10 per cent. of the members' subscriptions be set aside annually to form a bell restoration fund.

Mr. M. Melville left notice that he would propose at the annual meeting that new members joining the Guild for the first time at or after the quarterly meeting in July shall be required to pay only 1s. subscription for that year.

Mr. J. Beale (Wolvey) extended a welcome to the members to visit Burton Hastings on practice nights (Wednesday) to assist in the instruction of a struggling but keen band.

Mr. Perrens proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome to the parish and for the service and address, and for acting as chairman at the business meeting, to the organist for his services, and to the ladies for the excellent tea provided. The hearty applause which followed showed that the meeting was in agreement.

Tunes and change ringing on handbells occupied the next half-hour or so, and then a return was made to the belfry until 8 o'clock.

A private room at the Bull Hotel, Nuneaton, having been engaged, the party afterwards adjourned there for further handbell ringing, etc., until 10 o'clock.

D. E. B.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT SECRETARY'S COMPLAINT.

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at SS. James and Mary's Church, Grimsby, on Saturday, January 22nd. Members attended from Bigby, Burton-on-Stather, Scunthorpe, Ulceby, Barrow-on-Humber, Mablethorpe and the local tower. Mr. W. Bramwell, of Goxhill, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Rushby were also present, while the district was also glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas. The bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Lisle Marsden), who gave an interesting address. Thirty sat down to tea in the Church House, and in the absence of the president (Ven. Archdeacon Parry) through illness, the Vicar presided.

The secretary's and Ringing Master's reports were presented and a vote of thanks passed to them. All the officers were re-elected and thanked for their services.

The secretary had a grumble, as others do, with regard to unpaid subscriptions and lapsed members, particularly in the case of young ringers who join and, after a year or two, drop away. The District Bell Fund accounts were accepted, and a collection was taken for the fund. The places and dates of district meetings as proposed by the District Committee were accepted, viz.: May 7th, Burton-on-Stather; June 18th, Bigby; July 23rd, Appleby (if available) or Barrow-on-Humber; September 10th, Louth; October 23rd, Scunthorpe. Combined practices were arranged as follows: March 5th, Barrow, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Carlisle; March 19th, Waltham, Oxford, Cambridge, Double Bob; April 9th, Barton-on-Humber, Bristol, Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples. These will be at 6 p.m.

Ronald Taylor and Frank Ward, of Barrow-on-Humber, were elected as ringing members.

The secretary was asked to tender the members' deepest sympathy to Mrs. R. Marsden on the death of her husband, the Rev. R. Marsden, Vicar of Ulceby.

A hearty vote of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ, and to the caterers for the excellent tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said how glad he was to welcome the members. They at St. James' were doing their utmost to encourage young men of the congregation to take up ringing.

Members afterwards returned to the tower, and further ringing brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

SOUTHERN BRANCH GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Edenham on Saturday, January 22nd, and about 25 ringers were present from Peterborough, Bourne, Rotherham, Market Deeping, Manthorpe, Dyke, Morton, Billingborough, Pinchbeck, Algarkirk, Folkingham and the local band. The Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Hopkins (president of the branch) kindly allowed the use of bells during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung included Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, etc. It was good to see quite a large number of young ringers present, some ringing their first touch in a method.

Tea was served at the Five Bells Inn. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. A. L. Hopkins presided. He was thanked for his past services as president and was unanimously re-elected.

The Ringing Master of the branch (Mr. H. M. Day), the hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. H. Bradley), hon. auditor and Guild representative (Mr. W. G. Thorpe), the hon. treasurer (Mr. A. I. Holmes), along with the Branch Committee, were thanked for their past services and unanimously re-elected to their respective offices.

It was decided to hold the April meeting at Grantham, subject to permission being granted.

Two grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund of one guinea each were made. To Hongham bells restoration fund and to Sempringham Abbey bells, which are to be augmented from four to six in the near future.

The business concluded with a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the service, and also to Mr. A. I. Holmes for making all the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

Shortened evensong followed, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a helpful address.

At the conclusion of the service the Vicar kindly exhibited to the ringers the magnificent church plate belonging to Edenham Church dating back to the 15th and 16th centuries. The Vicar explained the interesting history of the various pieces, which were much admired. The tower was then again visited and further ringing took place until the bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m.

SUPPER AND SOCIAL AT HESTON.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION'S HAPPY GATHERING.

The standard set in previous years was well maintained at the sixth annual supper and social which was held by the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at Heston on January 22nd.

After ringing during the afternoon, a company of 80 sat down to an excellent supper, under the chairmanship of the Rev. G. Craggs, Vicar of Heston, supported by all the district officers. After the loyal toast, the Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Association,' and gave the members a warm welcome. He mentioned the pleasure he had in being with ringers, who, he said, were men of intelligence and undaunted by difficulties.

Mr. J. A. Trollope, vice-president, in reply, said that most annual suppers were occasions for speech-making, but he thought that the company would prefer the social programme which was to follow. He could not, however, refrain from mentioning the recent death of two prominent members of the association, Mr. J. J. Parker and Mr. W. H. Hollier. He classed the former with Holt, Middleton and Thurstans, and pointed out that half of the eight-bell peals in the current issue of 'The Ringing World' were composed by one or other of these four men. Mr. Hollier had been district secretary for ten years and later association treasurer, and the service of these two men was a challenge to the younger members of the Exercise to carry on in the same unselfish spirit.

A vote of thanks to the members of the Supper Committee (Messrs. Chandler, Goodfellow and Gladman) was proposed by Mr. W. G. Wilson, and Mr. Chandler replied expressing satisfaction that the arrangements were approved.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to games, competitions, dancing, etc., until 11.30 p.m. Special mention must be made of the new competitions arranged by Miss Bradford, particularly the display of photographs of twelve members present as they were many years ago—in one case in long clothes. Mr. Stamp performed miracles in the shape of conjuring tricks, and his assistant, Mr. Lidbetter, showed signs of having missed his vocation.

Four teams entered for the annual handball competition between towers, the scores being Ealing 3, Heston 0; Hillingdon 6, Ruishlip 2; and in the final, after extra time, Hillingdon 3, Ealing 2. Hillingdon thus retain the 'cup without a handle' for another year. W. G. W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT'S ENCOURAGING PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association, held in the City, was very successful, the attendance of about 50 being most satisfactory, while ringing was of a higher standard than is generally reached at meetings.

The afternoon ringing took place at St. Lawrence Jewry on the heavy ring of eight, which, in the opinion of many, is the finest octave in London. The beauty of the bells was heard in methods up to Cambridge and Superlative. The local band is recruited almost entirely from members of the choir, and it came into being when the bells were restored after many years of silence. It is a matter for regret that the bells of other of the city churches are not manned in the same way.

The business meeting was held in the choir vestry, the routine business being quickly concluded. One new member was elected, and All Saints', Poplar, chosen for the March meeting.

A letter was read from the Rector of St. George-in-the-East thanking the district for its help towards the restoration of the bells at that church.

The District Master reported that there were bright prospects of a good local band being instituted at this church. Members of the district had promised to give instruction; in fact, some of the new band had already started ringing at the mother church of St. Dunstan, Stepney. It is to be hoped that the new band will quickly emulate the brilliant young Stepney Society.

All the retiring district officers were re-elected, including the secretary (Mr. J. G. Prior), who, at a previous meeting, had announced that he would not seek re-election, but had reconsidered his decision. The other officers: Mr. J. A. Waugh, Master; Mr. R. G. Cousins, treasurer; Mr. E. Holman, steward; Messrs. G. W. Cecil and C. A. Hughes, committee. The new post of assistant secretary was created and Mr. L. J. Fox elected to fill it.

The report for 1937 showed that the district had again had a good year. Attendances at meetings had been consistently good, the financial position was comparatively strong, and the number of new members elected, while not very large, was above the average. One peal, Grandsire Triples at Stepney on the back eight, was worthy of special mention, as it was the first peal by all the band, and as such was a very fine performance. As well as this success, the Stepney band had also won the 'Dawe' cup for handbell ringing.

Votes of thanks to those responsible for the arrangements brought the business to a close, and then, following tea, ringing took place at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East until 8.30 p.m. Methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major.

A well-attended meeting such as this was a source of much gratification to the district officers, an ample repayment for any effort expended in making the arrangements, and an incentive to them to carry on with the not always easy task of running, or helping to run, an association.

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NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District.—The practice meeting, which was to have been held to-morrow at Kirkby, has been transferred to Ulverston Parish Church. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—N. M. Newby, Hon. Sec., Brewery Mount, Ulverston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Goudhurst has a fine peal of bells. Take this opportunity of ringing on them. The winter meeting of the Tonbridge District will be held here on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.30. Tea 5, followed by business meeting. Bus leaves Tun. Wells Mon. Road, 2.28, also 2.42 from Cranbrook.—Alec E. Richardson, Laurel Cottage, Victoria Road, Southborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 6 p.m. Reports are to hand. Quips and 'sallies' and a 'warm' welcome for all at this tower. Please do your best.—J. Porter, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at the Royal Oak Cafe, Tower Street. Business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., Ben-All, Henley Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch, Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, February 5th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous? Lea bells (6) will probably be available in the evening if required.—E. J. P. Davies, Dis. Sec., Blyton Vicarage, Gainsborough.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Andover District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, February 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify Mr. V. Smart, 31, Marlborough Street, Andover.—F. S. H. Marle, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next meeting will be at Wymeswold on February 5th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Please look up Double Court.—H. O. Over, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hugglescote.

SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Whiston Church (8 bells) on Saturday, February 5th. Tea provided at 1s. each to those who send postcard to Mr. F. Roddis, Revill Villa, Whiston, near Rotherham. All welcome.—M. E. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 13, St. Ronans Road, Sheffield, 7.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Hinton St. George on Saturday, February 5th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—D. G. Taylor, Braeside, Ilminster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wigan Parish Church on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at a local cafe, 1s. each, for which please notify the undersigned. Special invitation to Liverpool and Preston ringers.—S. Forshaw, 38, Poolstock, Wigan.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northwich Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Witton on Saturday, February 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at a small charge.—H. Parker, Hon. Sec., 3, London Road, Davenham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 5th. Bells (a nice little six) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5. You will be most welcome.—Frank C. Tysoe, Hon. Sec., 10, Grange Road, Bromham, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 5th. Service at 5 p.m. at St. Giles' Church (collection for Branch Bell Restoration Fund). Tea at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church House, Chain Street, followed by meeting. Ringing at St. Giles', St. Mary's and St. Laurence's during afternoon, 3.30 to 5 p.m.—E. G. Foster, Hon. Sec., 401, London Road, Reading.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, Sunday, February 6th, 10 a.m. Practices, St. Clement Danes, February 14th and 28th, at 7.30, also St. Mary's, Lambeth, March 1st, 8 p.m. Annual meeting, February 12th; ringing, St. Giles', Cripple-gate, 2.30 to 3.30; St. Olave's, Hart Street, 2.30 to 3.30. Service St. Clement Danes 4.15; preacher, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards. Tea, Perdy's Restaurant, 5 p.m. Names by February 10th, please. Ringing, St. Clement's, 6 to 7 p.m. Business meeting St. Clement's Schoolrooms, Clare Market, 7.15. Handbell competition 8.45 p.m.—T. W. Taffender, Hon. Sec., 26, Southway, Raynes Park, S.W.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for February: 10th, Southwark Cathedral; 15th, *St. Mary-le-Bow or St. Michael's, Cornhill; 17th, St. Magnus'; all at 7.30 p.m.; 24th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times during the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due.—A. B. Peck, Hon. Sec., Branksome, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, February 12th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 5, with tea afterwards at the Duke's Head. Please send numbers for tea to Mr. A. Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, before February 9th, and help foster this spirit of co-operation.—A. H. Smith, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Vicar, after service. Please send your names to Mr. W. S. Palin, 1, School Road, Faversham, not later than Wednesday, February 9th. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due, and may be paid to me at this meeting.—B. J. Luck, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Broomfield on Saturday, February 12th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, February 9th?—H. W. Shadrack, Hon. Dis. Sec., 7, Upper Arbour Lane, Springfield, Chelmsford.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION.—East Norfolk Branch.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12th, at Gorleston-on-Sea, Great Yarmouth. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting after tea. Tea to be held at Matthes Assembly Rooms, England's Lane, Gorleston. It is particularly requested that names or numbers for tea will be sent by Thursday, February 10th. A postcard will oblige to J. G. W. Harwood, Branch Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Walgrave (5 bells) on Saturday, February 12th. Service 4.15. Numbers for tea by previous Tuesday, please.—S. Thursfield, Hon. Sec., Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting of the above district will be held at Colwall on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service in St. Crispin's Chapel at 5 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by annual business meeting. Will all those requiring tea please let me know by Thursday, February 10th? A hearty welcome will be extended to all visitors, *only please do not forget the postcard for tea.*—A. Jones, jun., The Reddings, Colwall, near Malvern.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, February 12th. Heston Bells available from 3.45 and 7 p.m.; St. Paul's, Bath Road, Hounslow (near Hounslow West Station) bells, 3 to 4.15 p.m. Tea in Church Room, 4.45 p.m. Business meeting to follow. If you require tea, please notify me by February 7th. District committee meeting at 52, Lammas Park Road, Earling, on February 9th, at 7.30 p.m.—F. W. Goodfellow, Seaforth, Slough Road, Iver Heath, Bucks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Middleton Parish Church on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting in the tower at 6.30 p.m. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends. Please come along and give us a hand with Double Norwich and Stedman.—Stephen Lloyd Parry, Branch Sec., 24, St. James' Street, Milnrow, Rochdale.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A mid-quarterly meeting will be held at Asfordby (6 bells) on February 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 10th.—H. W. Perkins, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Landseer Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. Bring food, tea provided. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. Come and hear the Watford handbell record. Non-members welcomed.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—A meeting will be held at Chieveley on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. at 6d. each. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please notify the Rev. A. S. Hazel, Chieveley Vicarage, near Newbury, by Wednesday, February 9th, for tea.—H. W. Curtis, Hon. Sec., Church Road, Shaw, Newbury.

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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner at the George Hotel, Burslem, on Saturday, February 12th. The following towers will be open for ringing: Hanley, 3 p.m. to 4.30; Tunstall, 4 p.m. to 5.30; and Burslem, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Andrew Thompson, Hon. Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Robinson, 49, Bowman Street, Agbrigg Road, Wakefield, by Wednesday, February 9th. All are welcome.—D. Smith, Hon. Sec., Rock Cottages, Shafton, near Barnsley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol City Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, City, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and meeting after. Notify for tea, W. H. Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec., 45, Clyde Road, Redland, Bristol, 6.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A bi-quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Great Barr, near Birmingham, on Saturday, February 12th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged. Take Midland Red bus No. 118 from city to Beacon Inn.—T. H. Reeves, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is at North Muskham (6 bells) on February 12th. Please look up the method you can't quite ring, whether it is Bob Minor or York Surprise, then come and try to ring it. Send a postcard for tea to R. Towler, 69, Ordsall Road, Retford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. Please come.—C. J. Ball, 25, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 12th. Usual arrangements. Please notify Hon. Sec. not later than Tuesday of those requiring tea.—G. A. Hollick, Branch Sec., West Street, Weiford, Rugby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, February 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. There will be a short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by annual business meeting. All ringers welcomed. They are a peal worth ringing.—F. J. Plummer, Dis. Sec., Romaine, Plantation Road, Leighton Buzzard.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—Monthly meeting at Blunsdon on Saturday, February 12th. Light six. Usual arrangements. On bus route.—W. B. Kynaston, 3, Dumbarton Terrace, Victoria Road, Swindon, Wilts.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 12th. Ringing from 3. Evensong 4.15, followed by tea. It is important that those who intend to be present notify me not later than the previous Thursday.—J. W. Clarke, Wayside, Circular Drive, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, February 12th, at St. Luke's, Liverpool. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in School, price 6d. Those requiring tea inform Mr. F. S. Owen, 36, Beaconsfield Street, Liverpool.—H. Grundy, Branch Sec.

BANWELL, SOMERSET. On Sunday, Feb. 13th, the bells will be dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells at 3 p.m. Two trebles added and the augmented peal of eight hung in new framework by John Taylor & Co.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crediton on Saturday, February 19th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Bands and visitors please notify me by February 13th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, Exeter.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chertsey District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Peter's, Chertsey, on Saturday, February 19th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Church Hall. Will those intending to be present for tea please send me a line by Thursday, February 17th? All ringers and friends welcome. Subscriptions for 1938 are now due.—F. E. Hawthorne, Hon. Sec., 39, Queen's Road, Thames Ditton.

EAST GRINSTEAD AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, February 19th. (Please note date.) Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, by kind invitation of the Guild president (the Rev. Dr. C. Golding-Bird). Business meeting to follow. Everybody welcome. Please notify by the 16th if you require tea.—B. Saunders, 18, New Road, Ridgewood, Uckfield, Sussex.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—A combined 12-bell practice will be held at Croydon Parish Church on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7 o'clock. Arrangements for tea at 7.15 p.m. will be made for those who notify Mr. D. Cooper, 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon, not later than Thursday, February 17th.—F. G. Woodiss, Hon. Dis. Sec., 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held in the Church of the Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, February 19th. Tower open for ringing at 6 o'clock. Members and non-members are cordially invited.—J. H. Ridyard, 35, The Crescent, Worsley, Branch Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ombersley on February 19th. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Short service 4.15. Tea (at small charge) in the Parish Hall 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting and more ringing. Don't forget that card by Tuesday, the 15th. Buses from Worcester and Kidderminster pass church.—G. E. Large, Branch Sec., 1, Windmill Cottages, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Shalford on Saturday, February 19th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Sea Horse. All welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, February 15th?—H. F. Mills, Maiden Combe, Northbrook Road, Aldershot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Thorpe-le-Soken on Saturday, February 19th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.15, and tea, which is provided free by Mr. Clarke, at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me as soon as possible so as to enable me to make necessary arrangements for tea, etc.?—J. R. Sparling, Hon. Sec., Station Hotel, Wivenhoe.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Reigate on Saturday, March 5th. Full details later. Please note that any nominations for general officers or notices of motion must be in writing and should reach me before February 19th.—E. G. Talbot, Hon. Sec., 8, The Ridgeway, Croydon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual dinner will be held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.4, on Saturday, March 19th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets (6s. each) obtainable from Messrs. G. H. Cross, G. W. Steere, G. Gilbert, R. Heazel, G. Radley, E. J. Butler, and N. Summerhayes, Hon. Sec., 28, Bean Road, Bexleyheath.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner of the Gloucester Branch will be held on Saturday, March 26th, at the Spread Eagle Hotel. Details later.—W. H. Harris, 4, G.W.R. Terrace, Lydney Dock, Lydney.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The new address of Mr. Richard V. Fuller, retiring R.M., Southern District, Surrey Association, is Rosebeth, 11, Lionel Road, Tonbridge, Kent.

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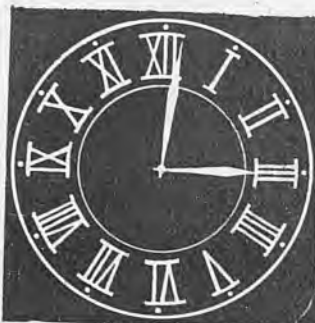
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