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THE MUSIC OF CHANGE RINGING.

A large part of the musical effect of church bells—perhaps by far the greatest part of the musical effect of church bells—is not really music in the strict and formal sense of the word. It would be more correct to call it pleasant and pleasing sound. The reader will readily understand the distinction, for it is common enough in the world generally. The sound of the breakers on the sea shore; the sighing of the wind among the leaves of the forest; the song of the birds at sunrise; the ring of the smith's hammer on his steel anvil; the drowsy hum of insects at nightfall—all these are musical and often are, not improperly, called music, but they are not music in the sense we use the word when we speak of some favourite song or hymn tune, or of the music of Handel or Mozart. There is a profound difference which is not merely one of degree. Where to draw the line between them and how to describe the essential difference are not easy, but it will suffice for our present purposes to say that music, as distinct from musical sound, calls for conscious and understanding hearing on the part of the listener; it needs the more or less active co-operation of the intellect as well as of the vaguer feelings.

Judged by this test the sound of church bells is not for the average man to be classed as music. Musical it certainly can be and usually is. It can affect a man's feelings and stimulate his emotions most profoundly. But he does not listen to it with his brain as well as with his ears as he does to a song. If he tries he almost certainly fails, and even those who are most impressed by it will complain that there is no 'tune' in change ringing. That the sound of bells is not a thing an ordinary man can listen to for long deliberately and consciously and with pleasure, is shown almost every time hand-bells are rung to changes in church or public hall. For a very short time the hearers are charmed, but the charm passes speedily. Three leads of Grandsire Triples is about as much as any audience can stand. But suppose, instead of the people having to listen with strained attention, the changes formed an unobtrusive background to other thoughts and activities, then they might go on for hours and afford unalloyed satisfaction.

Ringers are, of course, much more concerned with the details of the sound of the changes than are the outside hearers, and they must listen much more deliberately and consciously; but it is doubtful whether, in the case of a very large proportion of them, the actually musical ap-

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peal is any different from the general one. A number of ringers will gather outside a steeple when a touch or peal is being rung, and their full attention is occupied by the ringing. Their ears hear the full sound of the bells as the ears of an audience in a concert hall hear the full sound of an orchestra. But what do their brains hear? In other words, what are they listening for and taking notice of? The quality of the ringing and the number of trips made. How So-and-so is turning in the tenor or Such-a-one is ringing the treble. Whether the ringing is too fast or too slow. What the last course end was and how soon it will be before the bells come round. You might find that one or two would go to a convenient place so as to judge the quality of the bells. But you would not find a man who had come to listen and enjoy Double Norwich in the same way he would go to listen to and enjoy Handel's 'Largo' or 'Drink to me only.'

All this is true; but it is not, and should not be, all the truth. Change ringing can produce real music for those who know how to listen for it. The men who are themselves ringing are in by far the best position to hear and appreciate the music and, when they do, it adds enormously to the charm and pleasure the art affords. But it is not a privilege men can fully enjoy unless they fit themselves for it by taking thought and trying to understand what the real nature of bell music is and what it is not. We doubt if the majority of ringers do pay any attention to the music of the changes they ring or realise how much they lose by their neglect.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thurs., Jan. 10, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

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| JAMES S. EASTWOOD ... Treble | ARTHUR T. DUTTON ... 6 |
| HOWARD HOWELL ... 2 | *HENRY E. GREEN ... 7 |
| ARTHUR BOGGERILL ... 3 | WALTER R. HUGHES ... 8 |
| *AUBREY M. PICKERING... 4 | HAROLD SMITH ... 9 |
| GEORGE W. HUGHES ... 5 | WILLIAM WALKER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. W. HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Half-muffled for Mr. John C. Adams.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tues., Jan. 15, 1946, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

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| *WILLIAM C. DOWDING... Treble | *JOHN PINFOLD ... 6 |
| *G. WILLIAM CRITCHLEY... 2 | *HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7 |
| *EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 3 | *FRANK E. HAYNES ... 8 |
| *ALBERT WALKER ... 4 | *HENRY H. FEARN ... 9 |
| *LEONARD TUFFREY ... 5 | GEORGE E. FEARN ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEO. E. FEARN.

* First peal of Yorkshire Royal and for the Guild.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thurs., Jan. 17, 1946, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| *GEORGE E. PADGETT ... Treble | JOHN E. HORBS ... 6 |
| *REGINALD A. ALEY ... 2 | FRANK BRADLEY ... 7 |
| T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3 | I. ALFRED BARRATT ... 8 |
| *HAROLD PAILING ... 4 | EDWARD F. GOREY ... 9 |
| JAACK BAILEY ... 5 | FRED. A. SALTER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal on ten bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... Treble | *JOHN PHILLIPS ... 6 |
| WILFRED WILLIAMS ... 2 | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 3 | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 8 |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... 9 |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5 | ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wed., Dec. 19, 1945, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

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| EDWARD B. WEBSTER ... Treble | ROBERT EASTHAM ... 5 |
| WALTER GORTON ... 2 | PETER CROOK, JUN. ... 6 |
| MRS. MARY KENYON ... 3 | PETER CROOK ... 7 |
| WILLIAM BAXENDALE ... 4 | HAROLD GORTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by PETER CROOK, JUN.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tues., Jan. 8, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TRERE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

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| GEORGE W. HOWLETT ... Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... 5 |
| ERNEST WHITING ... 2 | FREDERICK W. MUNNINGS ... 6 |
| MRS. H. W. ROGERS ... 3 | WILLIAM J. FLATT ... 7 |
| H. W. ROGERS ... 4 | CHARLES W. LOOME ... Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Fri., Jan. 11, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 4½ cwt.

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| MRS. A. DISERENS ... Treble | ROBERT HIGGINS ... 5 |
| CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 2 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... 6 |
| NOEL J. DISERENS ... 3 | ALBERT DISERENS ... 7 |
| THOMAS N. LANAGHAN ... 4 | RICHARD A. POST ... Tenor |

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by RICHARD A. POST.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

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| PHILIP J. COWARD ... Treble | ALBERT W. COLES ... 5 |
| RONALD SUCKLING ... 2 | ALFRED J. HOUSE ... 6 |
| MRS. J. THOMAS ... 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... 4 | JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

KIRTLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sun., Jan. 13, 1946, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM JUDGE ... Treble | *REGINALD W. REX ... 5 |
| FREDK. A. H. WILKINS... 2 | NEIL I. ALLNATT ... 6 |
| ALBERT DISERENS ... 3 | *CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... 7 |
| WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 4 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal.

WHISTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE 4 J J C. 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| HERBERT C. CHADDOCK <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | JOHN E. TURLEY ... 5 |
| BERNARD DITCHER ... 2 | J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 6 |
| *JACK G. BROTHWELL ... 3 | ERNEST THORPE ... 7 |
| ARTHUR FIRTH ... 4 | *NORMAN CHADDOCK ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by N. CHADDOCK.
* First peal in the method.

ENDERBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tues., Jan. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| MRS. H. J. POOLE ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5 |
| JILL POOLE ... 2 | HERBERT W. PERKINS ... 6 |
| WILLIAM J. ROOT ... 3 | *BURLEY MORRIS ... 7 |
| HARRY G. WAYNE ... 4 | SIDNEY O. CHENEY ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wed., Jan. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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| JOHN E. S. MORETON ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | JOHN GIBBONS ... 5 |
| ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 2 | HARRY HARRIS ... 6 |
| JAMES F. CLARKE ... 3 | JAMES DRAYCOTT ... 7 |
| MRS. A. H. BEAMISH ... 4 | LEONARD TREVOR ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. BEAMISH.
Half-muffled for C. E. RAYSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| HOLT'S ORIGINAL ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | HAROLD A. MAY ... 5 |
| GEORGE L. GROVER ... 2 | RONALD J. C. HAGLEY ... 6 |
| ALBERT LAMBKIN ... 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7 |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON ... 4 | WILLIAM H. INWOOD ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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| LEONARD BULLOCK ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | FREDERICK SOUTER ... 5 |
| ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2 | JAMES BULLOCK ... 6 |
| RICHARD W. STANNARD ... 3 | SYDNEY M. BAILEY ... 7 |
| JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 4 | FREDERICK FREESTONE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by THOMAS B. WORSLEY. Conducted by S. M. BAILEY.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

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| GEORGE A. FLEMING ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | FRANK L. FISHER ... 5 |
| SYLVIA R. E. PIPE ... 2 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6 |
| JAMES BENNETT, JUN. ... 3 | LESLIE G. BRETT ... 7 |
| *WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 4 | CECIL W. PIPE ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by SYLVIA R. E. PIPE.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

KIDLINGTON, OXFORDSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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| HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | WILLIAM JUDGE ... 5 |
| WILLIAM C. PORTER ... 2 | FREDK. A. H. WILKINS ... 6 |
| JAMES HIGGINS ... 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7 |
| RICHARD A. POST ... 4 | *WILFRED CROSS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal.

SIX B L L PEALS.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| JOHN PERKINS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... 4 |
| FRANK M. HARRIS ... 2 | MANSFIELD GINN ... 5 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

SOUTH NEWTON, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| JACK MUSSEL ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | THOMAS PRICE ... 4 |
| H. CHARLES BOND ... 2 | WILLIAM A. THEOBALD ... 5 |
| JAMES E. FIGGURES ... 3 | LEONARD F. HARRIS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. THEOBALD.

First peal of Minor as conductor. First on the bells.

ORDSALL, NOTTS.

THE SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of St. Clement's Bob and three each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

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| HARRY E. WILLS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | HAROLD DENMAN ... 4 |
| FRANK REED ... 2 | FRANK LAMB ... 5 |
| HARRY BARNES ... 3 | ERNEST PADGETT ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by E. PADGETT.

First peal for the Guild.

WITHINGTON, HERFFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Plain Bob and Double Bob spliced, one extent each of Double Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two extents each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

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| FREDERICK R. HARRIS ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | RAY J. CARLTON ... 4 |
| MICHAEL P. MORFON ... 2 | CYRIL CROSTHWAITE ... 5 |
| GEOFFREY DODDS ... 3 | LESLIE EVANS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by CYRIL CROSTHWAITE.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sat., Jan. 12, 1946, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 9½ cwt.

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| JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | MISS DOROTHY OSBORN ... 4 |
| REGINALD W. WORRALL ... 2 | HARRY PARKER ... 5 |
| ERIC NOBLES ... 3 | WALTER ALLMAN ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by H. PARKER.

COUNTSTHORPE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Mon., Jan. 14, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| L. EDGAR CHAPMAN ... <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | ARTHUR E. BODYCOTE ... 4 |
| ARTHUR W. RIDDINGTON ... 2 | *RICHARD T. F. HUBBARD ... 5 |
| *NEVILLE MOVES ... 3 | CHARLES MARSHALL ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by CHARLES MARSHALL.

* First peal.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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| WILLIAM H. A. COMPTON <i>Treble</i> ... 1 | GEORGE E. LARGE ... 4 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2 | REGINALD WOODYATT ... 5 |
| ALLEN MORGAN ... 3 | THOMAS W. LEWIS ... <i>Tenor</i> |

Conducted by GEO. E. LARGE.

**BARNBY DON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Seven different extents. Tenor 10 cwt.
*DEREK REED Treble | LESLIE WOODHEAD 4
*RICHARD WILLCOCKS 2 | FRANK LAMB 5
FRANK REED 3 | ERNEST PADGETT Tenor
Conducted by FRANK REED.
* First peal. Rung half-muffled.

**LLANELLY.
THE ST. DAVID'S DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
J. HURREN Treble | J. T. WILLIAMS 4
MRS. G. E. PARMENTER... .. 2 | G. E. PARMENTER 5
A. HOARE 3 | C. HAWKINS Tenor
Conducted by C. HAWKINS.

**HIGH HALDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Being one extent of Cambridge Surprise and two extents each of Kent
and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.
MRS. T. CULLINGWORTH Treble | WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD 4
PERCY PAGE 2 | HENRY G. KEELEY 5
FREDERICK G. HUCKSTEFF 3 | MARK S. LANCEFIELD ... Tenor
Conducted by MARK S. LANCEFIELD.

**FULMER, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Sat., Jan. 19, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;*
Being one 720 of Cambridge and two each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent
Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.
REV. R. F. R. ROUTH ... Treble | EDGAR G. SWIFT 4
WILLIAM HENLEY 2 | HARRY WINGROVE 5
GEORGE MARTIN 3 | WM. L. GUTTERIDGE ... Tenor
Conducted by WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE.
Half-muffled for George H. Gutteridge.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Wed., Jan. 9, 1946, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5940 CHANGES;*
ERIC A. DENCH 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | RONALD SUCKLING 7-8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 9-10
Arranged and Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

**BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tues., Jan. 15, 1946, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE OAKS, THEOBALDS ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;*
MRS. E. A. BARNETT 1-2 | EDWIN A. BARNETT 5-6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3-4 | RAYMOND OVERY 7-8
Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by E. A. BARNETT.

**ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD**

*On Wed., Jan. 16, 1946, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 24, SUFFOLK ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER'S, 5021 CHANGES;*
MISS L. M. HUBBERT 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
MRS. J. THOMAS 3-4 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7-8
PHILIP A. CORBY 9-10
Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

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

*On Fri., Jan. 18, 1946, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT 92, ETWALL ROAD, HALL GREEN,
A PEAL OF 'GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;*
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
MARY E. DAVIS 1-2 | *ARTHUR V. DAVIS 5-6
DANIEL T. MATKIN 3-4 | GEORGE E. FEARN 7-8
Conducted by ARTHUR V. DAVIS.

* 100th peal.

John Taylor & Co.

LOUGHBOROUGH

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THE

LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

WINCHESTER & PORTSMOUTH GUILD.

MEETING AT WINCHESTER.

The annual meeting of the Winchester District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at Winchester on January 5th. Ringing was at the Cathedral and St. Maurice's, and about 40 ringers were present at the business meeting after tea. The Ven. Hedley Burrows, Archdeacon of Winchester, presided.

Archdeacon Burrows was re-elected district chairman, Mr. W. G. Goodchild was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Wilfred Andrews and Newnham district representatives.

The accounts showed that 100 ringing members had paid their subscriptions for 1945; that number, with 18 members serving in H.M. Forces (whose subscriptions had been waived), brought the total ringing membership up to 118—the highest it had ever reached. Forty-three hon. members had subscribed to the Guild during the year.

The hon. secretary stated that the bells of Winchester College would, as soon as circumstances permitted, be put into ringable condition. A band of learners from the college were now receiving instruction at the Cathedral, and would, it was hoped, form a nucleus of a band for the college.

The headmaster of Winchester (Canon Spencer Leeson) said that, on behalf of the college, he wished to express thanks to those who were giving instruction to their boys. The position at the moment was that they had not yet received the report of the architect who had watched the effect of the ringing on the structure of the building, but it was hoped that his report would soon be before the Warden and Fellows. Their oldest bell, a gift from the founder, and 500 years old, was irretrievably cracked and they had been advised that nothing could be done with it. In view of its age, it was felt that it should be preserved as a museum piece.

After tea service was held at the Cathedral, and an address was given by Canon Spencer Leeson, who recalled the tremendous impression which had been made upon his mind when 40 years ago he first entered St. Mary's College as a student and on a Sunday afternoon had heard the Cathedral bells for the first time. Ever since that day he had been conscious of that mysterious power which the sound of the bells conveyed.

MEETING AT SOUTHAMPTON.

The annual meeting of the Southampton District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at St. Michael's, Southampton, on January 12th when 50 members were present from a wide area. The visitors were Mr. E. P. Field, Miss P. Marsh and Mr. E. T. Trimmer from Dorset, Mr. E. Whitmore, Raunds, Northants, and Mr. R. E. Turner, Salisbury. During the afternoon and evening a variety of methods up to London Major were rung.

Service was conducted by the branch chairman who gave an address. The members were entertained to tea by the Rev. K. and Mrs. Felstead. At the business meeting the Rev. K. Felstead was in the chair, supported by Mr. G. Williams and the district officers. The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a sum due to general fund of £5 and £2 12s. 9d. carried forward in the district fund.

The following officers were re-elected: Chairman, the Rev. K. Felstead; secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger; Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams; auditor, Mr. C. Fray; district representatives, the Rev. K. Felstead and Mr. Brown. It was decided to hold the next annual district meeting at Southampton, and meetings at Romsey, Broughton, East Tytherley and Netley Abbey.

In his report, the secretary mentioned that an order had been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank to rehang the octave at Netley Abbey, and that there were great hopes of the ring of ten at St. Mary's, Southampton, being restored within a year or so. No information was available regarding the destroyed octave at Dibden, and it was almost certain that the ring of eight at Holy Rood, Southampton, would not be replaced.

Six new members were elected. Pleasure was expressed that Mr. G. Williams was present and able to take his place again in the tower after his long illness.

MEETING AT PORTSMOUTH.

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild was held at the Cathedral, Portsmouth, on January 19th, and was attended by 40 members from Alverstoke, Curdridge, Bishonstoke, Havant, Portsmouth (Cathedral and St. Mary's), Petersfield, Southampton, Shedfield, Fareham, Titchfield, Milbrook and visitors from Chichester and Bognor Regis.

The Provost, the Rev. Porter Goff, conducted service, and tea at the Tudor Rose Cafe was followed by the business meeting, the district chairman, Mr. W. Linter, being in the chair, supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams, and the general secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers. The secretary's report showed an increase of membership of 10 honorary members and 17 ringing members. The total receipts for the year were £14 3s. 9d. and the expenditure was £4 13s. 11d., leaving a balance of £9 9s. 9d., of which £3 15s. was sent to general fund.

Sixteen new members were elected, 14 from Shedfield and one each from Alverstoke and Portsmouth Cathedral. The methods rung were rounds, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

RINGING IN AUSTRALIA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may be of interest to the ringers at home to learn some of the difficulties Australian ringers are up against, and some of our efforts to entertain our English visitors while here.

We have had a number of ringers from the Services come into our towers while stationed here, among whom were E. F. Connock, Lieut. W. F. J. Cope, A. G. Williams and Lieut. A. R. Pink.

As Messrs. Pink and Williams found, and expressed surprise at, the only method practised here was Grandsire Doubles. After moving about to our various towers and seeing the difficulties under which we worked, they realised that it was not from the lack of enthusiasm but rather a lack of instruction of the right sort which retarded our advancement.

With the arrival of the English ringers the course method of ringing was explained to us, and we have them to thank that there has been a great improvement both in the ringing and interest shown by the general public, which is not at all bell minded here.

When these men started to arrive we made arrangements so that they could get a couple of nights a week. We have only five ringing towers in Sydney, a city with a population of over 1½ million people. They are St. James', Tarramurra, 14 miles out with a ring of six, tenor 12 cwt., cast by Taylors in 1941; All Saints', Parramatta, 15 miles out, with a ring of six tenor 10 cwt.; St. Mark's, Darling Point, a ring of eight with tenor 8½ cwt. and four miles from the city. The city towers are St. Philip's with a ring of nine bells, including a semitone, giving two rings of six and a ring of eight, tenor 20 cwt.; and St. Mary's R.C. Cathedral, a ring of eight with the tenor 26½ cwt. St. Mary's have ordered four more bells to make a ring of 12 bells. From these five towers have to come the future peal ringers of Sydney, and if we had a man with ability to teach and conduct I feel sure we could ring peals with the talent we have in our towers.

I made arrangements to take a band of eight ringers to West Maitland, a large country town 130 miles from Sydney. Included in the band were Messrs. E. F. Connock and A. G. Williams. We left on an early morning train for a week-end of ringing. When we got on the way handbells were brought to the fore and useful practice indulged in. We arrived at West Maitland at 12.15 p.m. and were met by the Rev. Carlos Stretch, Vicar of the church. After lunch we made our first of several visits to St. Paul's, West Maitland.

The church is of brick, the tower (also of brick) standing separate from the chancel. The tower is well buttressed and of fine proportion. It is 80ft. high and a wonderful view of the surrounding country was obtained from it. Mr. Stretch showed us a number of the places of interest from the top.

Ascending to the belfry by an outside wooden stairway, we found the chamber about 15ft. square and of comfortable height. A local man had fitted the ropes and the bells were up, so we pulled off only to find that the ropes were about 3ft. too long and the salies too low on the ropes. After making a fearful clatter we set our bells and proceeded to the bell loft, where it was discovered that two bells had a main support bolt missing. Otherwise the bells were in fair condition considering that they had not been rung for four years or more. They are a ring of six steel bells cast by Vickers and Sons in 1870, the tenor is 14 cwt. and the key A flat.

Several ringers set about taking the ropes up on the wheels, while others sorted a pile of bolts found in a corner until two suitable were found. Then we again took the ropes, and this time made a good show, bringing several touches round. The bells were still very hard going though, and we had to stop every ten minutes for a rest. During the evening we again rang, finishing up the day with handbells.

On Sunday we were at church by 10 o'clock and fitted half muffles (which had been brought from Sydney) in commemoration of Armistice Day. For 40 minutes prior to service we rang touches in several methods and were all very pleased with our efforts. Our hard work on Saturday proved its worth, as we were able to ring through without any extraordinary exertions. The half-muffles proved very effective, more especially as they allowed us to concentrate on getting good striking at hand. After service we, at the request of the Vicar, rang a touch of Grandsire Triples on the handbells to the obvious mystification of the congregation, who nevertheless enjoyed the performance.

During the afternoon we again rang the tower bells and had tea in the Rectory. Before leaving Mr. Stretch expressed the hope that this visit would result in some of the local talent taking an interest in the bells so as to have regular Sunday ringing, also that it would not be our last. We arrived back in Sydney about 11.30 a.m. after an enjoyable week-end, which I have no doubt will be repeated again in the future.

W. M. ROWE.

Sydney, Australia.

REACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Christmas Day, 1.260 Grandsire Triples: J. Howard 1, A. Routh 2, M. Routh 3, Miss K. Fletcher 4, I. Harrison 5, Miss D. Fletcher 6, H. Wingrove (conductor) 7, Rev. R. Routh 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—At St. Peter's, on January 1st, 1.946 Grandsire Triples: Harry Wolstencroft 1, Arthur Burgess 2, Herbert Ludkin 3, Robert Wimmenny 4, William Hawke 5, Alfred Roberts 6, Walter W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, Vernon Turner 8.

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not to the Editor.

Mr. Walter Gorton, who rang the second in the peal of Grandsire
Triples at St. Saviour's, Bolton, has been a member of the local band
for sixty years. He is 84 years of age.

The peal of Yorkshire Major at Enderby was rung on Mr. John O.
Lancashire's 81st birthday.

The name of the ringer of the third in the peal of Treble Bob at
Ashton, Lancs, on January 5th is Herbert Ludkin, not Edwin C.
Birkett, as in the report sent us.

THE MONTH'S PEALS.

During the month of December 142 peals were rung, 130 of them on
tower bells and 12 on handbells.

The tower bell peals were: Grandsire Doubles 1, Triples 13, Caters
4; Bob Minor 7, Major 13, Royal 1, Plain and Gainsborough 1; Kent
Treble Bob Minor 1, Major 11, Royal 2, Maximus 1, Oxford Treble
Bob Major 1; Kent and Oxford Royal 1; Little Bob Major 1; Double
Norwich Court Bob Major 13; Stedman Triples 10, Caters 3, Cinques
2; Erin Caters 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Maximus 1; Yorkshire
Surprise Major 4, Maximus 1; Superlative 4, Lincolnshire 1, Cornwall
1, Ashted 1, Bristol 2, London 2, Spliced Cambridge, Superlative,
Bristol and London 1; Minor 14, Doubles 4.

The handbell peals were: Bob Major 2, Little Bob Major 1; Kent
Treble Bob Major 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1; Stedman Caters 1;
London Surprise Minor 1; Cambridge Major 1; Superlative 1; Spliced
21 Plain Major Methods 1; Spliced Cambridge, Superlative, Bristol
and London Surprise Major 1.

In January 60 peals were rung, in February 74, in March 77, in
April 84, in May 164, in June 163, in July 90, in August 147, in
September 111, in October 120, and in November 139, making a total
for the year of 1,422. During December, 1944, 70 peals were rung
and in the whole year 619.

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES.

January 20th, 1817. At Norwich, the first peal of Double Norwich
Court Bob Maximus.

1934. At Bushey, the first peal of St. Albans Surprise Major, and
at Leatherhead, the first peal of Leatherhead Surprise.

January 21st, 1854. The College Youths rang the first true peal of
Stedman Triples on handbells.

1923. James Metts died at the age of 63.

January 24th, 1885. The Sussex County Association founded.

January 26th, 1735. 10.080 Bob Major at Fulham.

1865. Elijah Roberts committed suicide.

ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your account of Arthur E. Pegler you mention that
he rang Heptonstall tenor over ten hours in an unsuccessful attempt
for a peal: but you omitted to state that he rang this same bell to
the 17,824 Oxford Treble Bob in the previous year. He might well
have completed the longer and far heavier attempt for 22.09% Double
Norwich but for two or three adverse circumstances which afflicted us
on that day and which need not be detailed here. P. LAFLIN.

25, Hallam Street, Stockport.

MAKERS OF LONDON BELLS.

(Continued from page 19.)

Towards the end of the eighteenth century there were two founders who cast bells that still hang in London steeples. Robert Patrick was a 'cheesemonger of Whitechapel who had married Sarah Oliver, Thomas Lester's grand-daughter, and who set up for himself as a bell founder. Through his wife's family connections he obtained several important jobs, but evidently he was not a skilled craftsman, and he did almost all his work in partnership with other men. Hackney bells bear his name, but actually were cast at the Whitechapel foundry; and his other octave in London, that at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, was cast in conjunction with Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market in Norfolk, the founder of many excellent bells, including the fine ring at the Norman Tower, Bury St. Edmunds, and who perhaps may be considered the real maker of Bishopsgate bells. Robert Patrick was a skilled ringer and a member of the Society of College Youths; and though there is no direct evidence, it is more than likely that he was a descendant of John Patrick, the composer, and the other John Patrick, who was master of the College Youths in 1736.

Thomas Janaway's foundry was at Chelsea. His most important rings in London were the octaves at All Saints', Chelsea, 1762, St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1772, and St. Mary's, Battersea, 1772. The first was broken up to supply metal for the ring of ten at St. Luke's, Chelsea; the second was increased to ten by Warners, who added a tenor and treble, and did some recasting. All Saints'—better known as Chelsea Old Church—was one of those destroyed in the air raids.

Janaway cast the six at Edgware, and there is a number of his bells in towers in the Home Counties. His bells are rather poor in quality, and the rhyming couplet he was fond of using as an inscription is perhaps the most unsuitable and in the worst taste of any on bells: 'The ringer's art our graceful notes prolong. Apollo listens and applauds the song.' It seems strange that such an inscription should have been allowed in a Christian church even in the eighteenth century.

William Chapman recast the tenor at Canterbury Cathedral. He did the work on the spot, and while engaged on the job noticed a young man who was greatly interested in the process. It was William Mears. He went up to Whitechapel and joined Chapman, and then, after the death of the latter, carried on the business. During the following eighty years a succession of members of the family of Mears cast hundreds of bells which are to be found in all parts of the country. Perhaps the greatest of these founders was Thomas Mears, William's brother, who was casting from 1787 to 1810, at first in partnership with William, then by himself, and finally for five years in partnership with his son, Thomas Mears the younger. The fine ring at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, is the work of Thomas Mears. The noble tenor at St. Sepulchre's, Newgate, is by his son, as are also the rings of ten at Poplar and St. James', Bermondsey, and the eleventh—the Lady Bell—at St. Saviour's, Southwark. Stepney bells, fortunately, survived the air raids of the last war, but they had many narrow escapes. The surrounding district was almost entirely devastated. Poplar bells some years ago were retuned on modern lines.

A very old London firm of engineers and founders was that of John Warner and Son. The business was started by Jacob Warner, who about 1740 was carrying on a business at Wood Street as a brass founder, although he was only 'free' of the Tinplate Workers' Company. The Founders' Company regarded this as a breach of their privileges, and in February, 1740, they wrote to him requiring him to desist from exercising the craft of a casting founder, but apparently he successfully resisted the order.

John Warner was apprenticed to John Culleridge, a founder and a member of the Society of Friends. He was made free of the Founders' Company on August 1st, and 'being one of the people called Quakers,' affirmed. Being a Quaker did not hinder him from being churchwarden of St. Giles', Cripplegate, in 1783. It was an office which carried civil duties as well as ecclesiastical; the leading men of the parish were expected to serve as their turn came round, and no excuses were accepted. The only way service could be avoided was by the payment of a fine which often took the form of an offer to provide something for the good or use of the parish; as at St. Bartholomew-by-the-Exchange in 1629, where the vestry agreed that George Pryor should be free from the offices of churchwarden and questman in consideration of his erecting a cupola on the top of the church steeple and hanging the saunce bell therein. Or, as at Fulham in 1653, where the parish excused Colonel Langham in consideration of his paying towards the restoration of the bells.

While John Warner was churchwarden of St. Giles' the bells were repaired and his name as 'contractor' was on the tenor which was recast by Robert Patrick. It is possible he may actually have done the job under the other's instructions, and so have been led to take an interest in bell founding. A few years later he recast the peal of five at St. Peter-le-Poor, in Broad Street in the City, a church pulled down some fifty years ago.

John Warner and Tomson Warner, his brother, carried on their business at the sign of the Three Bells and Star in Cripplegate parish. Afterwards they removed to Jewin Crescent, where the business remained for more than a century. In the nineteenth century the firm was well known as makers of high class horticultural goods, and they took to bell founding rather as a sideline; but during the second half of the century and in the years before the first great war they cast a large number of bells for churches in the different parts of the country.

In London their most important work was the chime bells at Westminster. The original hour bell was theirs, but it was cracked before being hung, and the recasting was done at Whitechapel. Other of Warner's rings in the metropolitan area are St. Mary Magdalen, Holloway, St. Mark's, Dalston, St. Michael and All Angels, Star Street, Paddington, St. Mary Magdalen, Enfield, St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, St. Paul's, Hounslow, and St. Pancras. Five of the bells at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, including the tenor, are from the Jewin Crescent foundry. These bells vary a good deal in quality. Some are quite pleasing, but others are not well thought of.

BEACONSFIELD.—On January 6th, on handbells, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Dorothy R. Fletcher (conductor) 1-2, Kathleen E. Fletcher 3-4, Ethel M. Fletcher 5-6.

PETTERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, on Tuesday, January 8th, 1,260 Bob Minor: William Rose (conductor) 1, T. Vaughan 2, H. Goakes 3, William Alderman 4, R. Dawson 5, William Waldron 6.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. MEETING AT BLOXWICH.

A meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Bloxwich on January 12th, at which more than sixty members and friends were present.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. A. R. Chapman, conducted the service and delivered an address. Tea was in the Parish Hall. It was announced that the bells of Lichfield Cathedral are to be relunged with modern fittings. The order has been given and the work will be taken in hand immediately. Mr. H. Garratt, of Bloxwich, was admitted a new member.

The next meeting will be at Stafford, by invitation of the Archdeacon.

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. MEETING AT CHILVERS COTON.

At a meeting of the Coventry Diocesan Guild, held at Chilvers Coton on January 19th, upwards of sixty members and friends were present from Allesley, Bedworth, Chilvers Coton, Keresley, Meriden, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke and Warwick. Service was conducted by the Rev. R. T. Murray (president), assisted by the Rev. — Newton (curate), and tea was followed by the business meeting, at which the president presided. The question of providing instructors for towers who required them was raised by the Master (Mr. F. E. Pervin). Volunteers were asked for and half a dozen names were soon forthcoming. It is hoped that the efforts of these gentlemen will be amply rewarded.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT DOWNHAM MARKET.

The Wisbech Branch of the Ely Diocesan Association held its annual meeting at Downham Market on January 12th, when ringers attended from Bexhill, Sussex, Chatteris, Downham Market, Elm, Hilgay, King's Lynn, Leverington, Marham, Shou'dham, Terrington St. John, Tilney (All Saints'), Tydd St. Mary, Walsoken, Wisbech and Yaxham.

Service, conducted by the Rector, was followed by tea and business, the Rector taking the chair. The officers elected were: President, Archdeacon Ward; Ringing Master, Mr. C. Cousins; district secretary, Mr. W. Buckenham; committee, Messrs. E. Mastin, L. Bush, G. Mason, E. Barker, W. Rose and F. Wigmore. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Elm on February 9th.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT ARDLEIGH.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Ardleigh on January 12th, when 35 ringers attended from Shimpling, Lavenham, Hadleigh, Suffolk, Harwich, Holbrook, Ardleigh, Springfield, Ipswich, Little Clacton, Mistley, Thorington, Clacton-on-Sea, Langham, Sudbury, Wormingford, Rushmere, Great Holland and Hasketon. The methods rung were Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, and at the business meeting Mr. C. J. Ellis was re-elected Ringing Master, Mr. L. Wright was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. G. Waterman and Mr. H. J. Millatt were appointed to the committee.

LENGTH OF TRIPLES. To the Editor.

Dear Sir—On November 11th, 1922, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Gorseinon, Glamorgan, in 3 hours and 35 minutes, tenor 9 cwt. Since then an open peal has been rung in 2 hours 56 minutes and a peal of Stedman Triples in 3 hours. What made the half-muffled one so long I do not know, except that it was very slow. I rang in all three. E. STITCH.

21, Cambrian Place, Glam.

Dear Sir—Two peals of Grandsire Triples recorded at Painswick took 3 hours 37 minutes and 3 hours 36 minutes. Both of them were performed in 1731 and are the two earliest recordings of any peal in this tower. L. H. JONES.

Painswick.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN TANNER.

The death occurred on January 10th of Mr. John Tanner, who for 58 years had been a member of the band at Banpton, Oxfordshire. For 50 years he was steeplekeeper and for about 20 years captain. He was 73 years of age.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the Tamworth Arms on January 5th. The Master, Mr. Albert Walker, was in the chair and about 60 members were present. The following new members were elected, Messrs: C. Bragg, H. Hofton and C. Dale, with Mr. John Scott as a life member.

A gift by Mr. James George to the Guild's library, consisting of a complete bound edition of 'The Bell News' and 'The Ringing World' up to the end of 1940 and the subsequent years up to the end of 1945 ready for binding, was announced by the secretary. In a letter received from Mr. George the gift was made to commemorate his long life and having attained the 92nd anniversary of his birth. The gift was suitably acknowledged. It was decided that the volumes of 'The Ringing World' should be suitably housed in a bookcase in St. Martin's belfry, and as St. Martin's already had a complete edition of 'The Bell News,' the gift of the late Mr. John Carter, those from Mr. George should be kept in the belfry of St. Philip's Cathedral.

It was decided to hold meetings at Aston in April and at Northfield in February. The treasurer reported a satisfactory financial year, showing an increased balance in the bank. The past year had been a record in the amount of members' subscriptions. Possibly in the future a peal booking fee might have to be introduced, as the cost of peal booking in the illuminated style had considerably increased. An interesting discussion ensued, and it was decided that for the present no peal booking fee should be introduced.

The officers were elected as follows: Master, Mr. Albert Walker; Ringing Master, Mr. G. E. Fearn; trustees, Mr. A. Paddon Smith and Mr. E. T. Allaway; auditors, Messrs. H. H. Fearn and G. W. Critchley; librarian, Mr. G. F. Swann; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. H. Reeves.

It was decided that the Henry Johnson Commemoration should take place on March 2nd and be a dinner in the evening, and that the Rector of Birmingham, Canon T. Guy Rogers, be invited to take the chair. Provisional arrangements had been made with the Imperial Hotel but the food situation was still very difficult and the number would have to be strictly limited.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

The annual meeting of the Luton District of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Leighton Buzzard on January 19th, at which members and friends were present from Bromham, Dunstable, Great Billington, Linslade, Stoney Stratford, Stanbridge, Woburn and the local tower.

At the business meeting the Rev. G. S. R. Dale was re-elected as district chairman, and as Miss D. C. Liddetter is leaving the district, Mr. H. C. Hillyard was elected to serve as district secretary and treasurer. Messrs. H. D. Harris and H. B. Whitney were appointed to represent the district on the General Committee.

The members were pleased to welcome back Mr. F. Plummer, general secretary of the County Association, after serving several years with the Forces at home and overseas.

It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Tisworth on February 16th and to recommend the general committee to increase the annual subscription.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. MEETING AT GOOLE.

At the first monthly practice meeting of the recently formed Selby and District Society, held at Goole on January 5th, there was a good attendance of ringers from Fastrington, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hassle, Sherburn, Selby and the local company. During the afternoon and evening the methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob, most of the ringing time being given up to learners.

Tea was served to about 30 ringers in the church schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting, over which Mr. H. S. Morley presided.

The next meeting will be at Howden on February 2nd.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES IFFS

The death is announced of Mr. James Lees, of Oldham, which took place on January 12th, in his 72nd year. The funeral on January 17th was attended by ringers from Ashton, Middleton, Moorside and the local band. The bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled and at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. C. E. Platt, W. Wolstencroft, B. Thorpe and H. Barlow.



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DEATH OF MR. F. W. ROMAINE.

The death is announced of Mr. F. W. Romaine, of Salisbury, who passed away on January 7th at the age of 63 years. The funeral service was at St. Martin's, Salisbury, where Mr. Romaine was captain of the local band.



Mr. G. Norton, vice-president of the Salisbury branch of the Diocesan Guild, represented the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, the general secretary of the Guild, and many local towers were represented, including the city churches (St. Martin's, St. Thomas' and St. Paul's), with Downton, Dinton, Tisbury, Shrewton, South Newton, Wishford and Berwick St. John.

At the graveside a course of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Messrs. H. C. Bond, W. A. Thebald and F. E. Manns.

In the evening a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Martin's.

Mr. Romaine was secretary of the Salisbury District of the Diocesan Guild and one of the representatives on the Central Council.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**BURTON AND DISTRICT.**

The first meeting of this newly-formed Guild was held at St. Matthew's, Overseal, on Saturday, January 19th, when ringers were present from Ashby, Burton (St. Paul's and St. Modwen's), Measham, Ticknall, Repton, Lullington, Derby Cathedral and the local company.

Tea was served in the schoolroom, and at the business meeting which followed the officers were appointed: President, Mr. W. W. Worthington; chairman, Mr. B. Key; secretary, Mr. J. W. Cotton; treasurer, Mr. J. H. Brittan; committee, Messrs. W. H. Curson, E. W. Beadsmoore, W. J. Leach and Syd Jones. Two new ringing members were elected, the Rev. J. F. Styles, of Repton, and Thomas Kirkland, of St. Modwen's, Burton, and the honour of becoming the first honorary member of the Guild fell to the Rev. Dr. W. J. Beale, Rector of Seae and Vicar of Lullington.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Measham on Feb. 16th. The bells of St. Matthew's were rung during the afternoon and evening.

This new Guild now covers the area of the old Burton District of the Midland Counties Association.

DEATH OF MR. J. C. ADAMS.

The death is announced of Mr. John C. Adams, of Bloxwich, Staffs. in his 78th year. The funeral service was at Bloxwich Church, and the interment at Bloxwich Cemetery on January 10th was conducted by the Vicar of Bloxwich.

Mr. Adams joined the Stafford Archdeaconry Society in 1894. He was connected with the peal ringing band formed by the late J. E. Groves and took part in many performances, including 11,563 Grandsire Caters at Wolverhampton. He joined the Walsall band when the new ring of twelve was installed and continued as a regular member until June, 1940, when a serious illness overtook him. He continued to keep an interest in the Walsall band to the last. He rang about 200 peals.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. ROGERS.

The death is announced of Mr. William J. Rogers, which took place at Northampton on January 6th, at the age of 72 years. The funeral was at St. Giles' on January 9th.

Mr. Rogers, who had been a ringer for over 60 years, learnt to ring at Pentecost. He came to Northampton 50 years ago and became captain of St. Giles' band about 30 years ago. Besides being a ringer he was 17 years vergier and 16 years previously a Sunday School teacher.

A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Linnett, P. Jones, G. Care and W. Hammons, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was rung half-muffled by Messrs. R. A. Pearson, G. Gavton, G. Care, W. J. Dove, J. Linnett, B. P. Morris, W. R. Parker, F. Hopper, W. R. Hammons (conductor) and F. R. Pearson.

Mr. Rogers had rung over 200 peals, of which he conducted many.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**MEETING AT POOLE.**

At the annual meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, held at Poole on January 5th, over fifty ringers were present from Bournemouth (St. John's and St. Peter's), Corfe Mullen, Lytchett Matravers, Lytchett Minster, Swanage, Wareham, Wimborne, Shroton, Warminster, Wool, Stoke Wake and Poole.

Service in St. James' Church was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. Harris, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Phillips. After tea, served in the Old Rectory, a business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. Canon Eddrup, of Corfe Mullen. All the retiring officers were re-elected, and Messrs. H. A. Mitchell and A. R. Macdonald were elected deputy ringing masters to assist the Master, Mr. F. W. Townsend, who is physically unable to take part in tower bell ringing. The members wish to maintain his long connection with ringing in the district. Poole Church and tower still carry the marks of bomb blast and few windows remain intact, but, happily, the bells escaped damage, and during the afternoon and evening methods from Treble-Ten, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Double Norwich to rounds and Doubles were rung.

MEETING AT DEVIZES.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held on January 5th at Devizes, and was attended by 80 members from Bishop's Cannings, Bromham, Devizes (St. John's and St. Mary's), Holt, Keevil, Marden, Market Lavington, Melksham, North Bradley, Rowde, Seend, Southbroom, Steeple Ashton, Trowbridge, Upavon, Urchfont, Warminster and Westbury, with visitors from Swindon, Salisbury, Wishford, South Newton, Gillingham, Reading, Bunsdon and Lydiard Millicent. During the afternoon and evening the methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles, Bob Major, Cambridge, Kent, Oxford and Double Norwich.

The Rev. J. S. Yorke conducted the service in St. John's Church; Mr. Edwards read the lesson and Mr. Percy Lawes accompanied on the organ. Tea was in the parish room, and Mr. E. F. White presided over the meeting which followed, at which all the branch officers were re-elected, and Mr. J. S. Weeks was appointed assistant secretary. The Rev. F. L. Edwards referred to the loss the town and guild had sustained by the death of Mr. F. Green and to the hard work he had put into the Guild.

MEETING AT BEAMINSTER.

The annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Beaminster on January 12th. Members attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Evershot, Litton Cheney and Lyme Regis. Service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Wheeler, the address being given by the Master, the Rev. C. Carew Cox.

At the business meeting after tea the officers were all re-elected with the addition of Mr. J. Barratt as a deputy ringing master. The chairman welcomed the return from the Forces of the Ringing Masters, Messrs. H. D. W. Bishop and C. W. Powell, and nine new members were elected, seven from Bradpole and one each from Lyme Regis and Bridport.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major.

STEDMAN TRIPLES.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. Powell for his excellent observations, but I cannot allow him to state unchallenged that the analogy is false. It is true that there is only the 5ths place bob in Stedman Triples, but for purposes of composition this is in effect two separate types of call—a bob after a slow six, and a bob after a quick six; there are in effect two types of variation from the plain course working of the method, provided by the common bob.

In any case, such comparisons provide hope, but not proof. Stedman with bobs is equivalent to Spliced Stedman and Erin with a more rigorous arrangement of the sixes. While spliced Stedman and Erin cannot have two consecutive quick sixes, pure Stedman in addition cannot have two consecutive slow sixes. The existence of such restrictions does not warrant a 'write-off.'

May I assert that any 'available evidence' is purely that of failure?
B. D. PRICE.

Ebbw Vale.

DEATH OF MR. C. E. RAYSON.

The death at the age of 37 has occurred of Mr. C. E. Rayson, of Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, who had just completed three weeks in civilian employment after serving since August, 1940, in the R.A.F. He had been a ringer at Coton for 21 years and had taken part in about 20 peals.

At the interment in Coton Churchyard a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Mrs. A. H. Beemish, Mr. J. F. Clarke, Mr. A. H. Beemish and Mr. J. E. Moreton. The other ringers present were H. Harris and P. Yates and Mrs. P. Billington. A half-muffled peal of Bob Major was rung on Coton bells in the evening. Amongst the many floral tributes was one from the All Saints' Society of Ringers, Chilvers Coton, and one from the Coventry Diocesan Guild.

QUARTER PEALS.

NORWICH.—At St. John de Sepulchre on Friday, January 4th, 1,440 Bob Major: R. Barber 1, M. J. Foster 2, J. Moor 3, Mrs. F. Moor 4, Dr. F. Moor 5, J. Clark 6, E. J. Kett 7, W. G. Mayers (conductor) 8.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Friday, January 4th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: J. T. Godwin 1, H. J. Steed 2, J. H. Hayne 3, W. J. Simons 4, J. W. H. Crabb 5, F. Precey (conductor) 6, J. S. M. Squire 7, E. T. Smith 8.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On January 4th, 1,260 Doubles, being 180 Stedman, 240 Plain Bob, 240 Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, 600 Grandsire: Thomas E. Stead 1, John D. Rock 2, Fredk. R. Harris 3, Leslie Evans 4, E. Peter Roek (conductor) 5, Denis S. Goulding 6.

BANSTEAD.—On Sunday, January 6th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. F. Spooner 1, Jill Brittain 2, Elizabeth Layton 3, Winifred Adams 4, N. Hobden 5, D. N. Layton (conductor) 6, A. E. Cheesman 7, A. G. Oliver 8.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 6th, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: William May 1, Richard Dixon 2, William James 3, William Perry 4, Frank May 5, Roy Brown 6, John E. Fowler 7, Fredk. Souter 8, Frank B. Lufkin (conductor) 9, Charles Chambers 10.

EXETER.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. Thomas', 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: W. J. Burnett 1, J. Hosgood 2, E. Piley 3, C. J. Hosgood 4, R. Truman 5, W. Fairchild 6, E. W. Biffin (conductor) 7, H. Will's 8.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, January 6th, at All Saints', 1,344 Ashtead Surprise Major: P. K. Williamson 1, V. J. F. Bennett 2, N. I. Allnatt 3, H. R. Badder 4, C. F. Andrews 5, W. C. Porter 6, F. A. H. Wilkins 7, W. F. Judge (conductor) 8.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Tuesday, January 8th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: L. R. Callow 1, L. M. Callow 2, H. Polwell 3, W. A. Stote (conductor) 4, S. J. Oughton 5.

SALISBURY.—On January 10th, at St. Martin's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. A. Roles 1, J. Maidment 2, H. C. Bond 3, A. Fry 4, L.A.C. T. Price 5, W. Romaine 6, W. A. Theobald (conductor) 7, W. Chalk 8. Half-muffled for Mr. F. W. Romaine, who died on Jan. 7th.

BUCKLAND NEWTON, DORSET.—On Friday, January 11th, 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire Doubles: L. Rose 1, Bertram Ridout 2, Benjamin Ridout 3, E. T. P. Field (conductor) 4, G. W. Dennis 5, W. E. Trevett 6.

HEDDINGTON, CALNE, WILTS.—On Friday, January 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: Miss R. Maundrell 1, Miss B. Hacker 2, W. Hacker (conductor) 3, F. Hacker 4, H. Burry 5.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: S. Harris 1, F. Whitworth 2, D. Potter 3, A. J. Martin 4, F. Potter 5, F. Crump 6, H. F. Martin (conductor) 7, A. Barrett 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Michael's, 1,275 Grandsire Cinoues: B. Thorp (conductor) 1, J. Carter 2, W. Robinson 3, Miss M. Elkins 4, H. Reynolds 5, H. Ludkin 6, H. Ford 7, S. Marshall 8, S. Thompson 9, F. R. Williams 10, R. Benson 11, J. Turner 12.

SEVENOAKS.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Guy 1, Miss O. Matthews 2, Miss D. Corke 3, R. Guy 4, P. Turley 5, H. Baker 6, E. Andrews (conductor) 7, S. Etheridge 8.

KNUTSFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Bob Minor: John Webb 1, Mrs. S. Hough, jun. 2, Sidney Hough, jun. 3, Norman Hough 4, Ronald Hough 5, Sidney Hough, sen. (conductor) 6.

ELVEDEN.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,264 Bob Major: Bert Atkins 1, Thomas Stagg 2, Samuel Atkins 3, R. Price 4, William Paul 5, Wilfred Bowers 6, John Sharp 7, James W. Paul (conductor) 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Peter's, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples: Mrs. P. Vowles 1, Miss V. Potter 2, Miss E. George 3, J. Hayward 4, T. A. Blow 5, P. Gray 6, H. W. Simmons (conductor) 7, H. W. Barnard 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Leonard's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: C. Potheary 1, T. H. Taffender 2, A. Miller 3, E. E. Bish (conductor) 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, C. D. Nichols 6, J. W. Chapman 7, S. Howard 8.

WOODCHESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grand-sire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: W. Brunt 1, A. McTiffen 2, F. Garland 3, F. Rieby 4, G. Latham (conductor) 5, R. J. Thain 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Paul's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Harrison 1, G. Harrison 2, W. J. Leach 3, A. Sherr 4, S. D. Ainger 5, G. Roden 6, B. G. Key (conductor) 7, E. White 8.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Cornell 1, A. F. Turner 2, F. A. Poulson 3, S. H. Semonds 4, L. Pryke 5, L. Poulson 6, F. F. Mortlock 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8.

ROTHERFIELD.—On Sunday, January 13th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. Rogers 1, E. Bishop, jun. 2, F. Hemmond 3, A. F. Lewry 4, W. Kitchenside 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, S. Russell 7, E. Bishop sen. 8.

OXHEV.—On January 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Hodgnett 1, G. Savill 2, F. W. Alloway 3, G. C. Tarr 4, W. Attwood 5, L. R. Tarr (conductor) 6, F. W. Brinklow 7, C. Wenban 8.

SOUTHBOROUGH, KENT.—On January 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on handbells: Frederick White 1-2, Thomas E. Sons 3-4, Stafford Green 5-6, William Rogers (conductor) 7-8.

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KENT ASSN.—Rochester District.—Gravesend (St. George's), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.15.

ESSEX ASSN.—South-Eastern District.—Annual, Great Baddow, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting afterwards.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Bell Foundry, Whitechapel, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Ringing, Bishopsgate, afterwards.—A. B. Peck.

SURREY ASSN.—North-Western District.—Annual, Streatham, Saturday, Jan. 26th. St. Leonard's (8) and Immanuel (8), 3 p.m. Service, Immanuel, 4.30. Tea and meeting 5.

OXFORD GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—Langley, Bucks, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Committee after tea.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

SUSSEX ASSN.—W. Tarring (6), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—L. Stilwell, Pikeholme, Pulborough.

NORWICH ASSN.—King's Lynn, St. Margaret's, Saturday, Jan. 26th.

PEAK DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Bakewell (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea, Wheatsheaf Hotel, 5 p.m. Business 5.30 p.m.

LLANDAFF AND MONS ASSN.—Merthyr Tydfil, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Meeting to follow.—F. J. Hannington, 32, Surrey Street, Canton, Cardiff.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston District.—Syston, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m.

MIDDLESEX ASSN.—North and East District.—Annual, All Saints', Edmonton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service, tea and business.—T. J. Lock, 57, Holloways Lane, North Mimms, Herts.

DEVON GUILD.—N.E. Branch.—Annual, Tiverton, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—C. G. Dymond, Silverton.

GUILDFORD GUILD.—Farnham District.—Annual, Farnham (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., at Temple Lounge, West Street.—C. W. Denyer, 11, Newhouses, Holly Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Annual, Stockport, St. Mary's, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15.

DERBY AND DISTRICT ASSN.—Derby, St. Peter's (8), Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Committee 3 p.m., Parochial Room. Tea (1s. 3d.) and business meeting 5 p.m., Parochial Room.

DONCASTER SOCIETY.—Annual, Doncaster, Jan. 26th, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Basingstoke District. — Annual, Basingstoke, Saturday, Jan. 26th, 2.30. Service at St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Tea 5. Names for tea to Mr. J. B. Woodley, 40, Mortimer Lane, Basingstoke, by Jan. 23rd.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Lindfield (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to A. E. Laker, Balcombe, Sussex.

KENT ASSN.—Leigh, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.30, at the Bat and Ball. Names to Mr. B. Pankhurst, The Chestnuts, Leigh, near Tonbridge, by Jan. 30th.—T. Saunders.

KENT ASSN.—Willesborough, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. E. S. Ruck, 3, Hunter Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent.—P. Page.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Annual, St. Thomas', Newport, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.—A. M. Guy.

ESSEX ASSN.—Northern Division.—Annual, Bocking, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4.30.—Hilda G. Snowden.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Sudbury District. — Annual, Sudbury, Feb. 2nd, St. Peter's (afternoon), St. Gregory and All Saints'. Meeting, St. Peter's, 5 p.m. Tea, 1s. 3d., at Pimpernel, 5.30. Names to A. A. Fitch, 7, Croft Road, Sudbury.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Northern Branch.—Annual, Brecon, St. Mary's (8), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSN.—St. Aidan's, West Hartlepool, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.). Names to Mr. T. W. Dobson, 181, Oxford Road, West Hartlepool, by Jan. 31st.—Frank Ainsley.

ELY ASSN.—Doddington (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—R. H. Bullen, 39a, High Street, Ely.

OXFORD GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Hampstead Norris (6), Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names to Mr. W. Bartholomew, 3, Railway Terrace, Hampstead Norris, Newbury, by Jan. 30th.

DEVON GUILD. — Practice Awliscombe, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 to 8 p.m. Tea.—F. C. Smale.

SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.—Cresswell (8), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. For tea, names to L. W. Bacon, Newlyn, Skinner Street, Cresswell, Worksop, Notts, by Jan. 30th. — H. Chaddock.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—Annual, Stanground, Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, 137, Scotney Road, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSN. — Wigan Parish Church, Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Tea, 2s., Winnard's Café.—Names by Wednesday to S. Forshaw, 55, Poolstock, Wigan.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD. — Alton District.—Annual, Alton, Feb. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4. Tea, at Church Room, 5. Numbers by Jan. 30th to C. E. Bassett, Sunnybrook, Brook Lane, Warsash, Hants.

LINCOLN GUILD. — Grimsby District. — Annual, Grimsby, St. James', Saturday, Feb. 2nd, 2.30. Service 4.15. No tea. Cafés nearby. Business, Church House, 6 p.m.—H. I. Mingay.

HERTS ASSN.—Watford District.—Annual, Rickmansworth, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea 5.30. Names by Jan. 30th to F. W. Elliott, 48, Talbot Road, Rickmansworth.—H. G. Cashmore.

NORTH STAFFS ASSN. — Longton (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. No tea. Cafés nearby. — Andrew Thompson.

LEEDS SOCIETY.—Pudsey, Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Bring food. Tea to drink provided. Business follows tea.—H. Lofthouse, 8, Wortley Road, Leeds 12.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — Annual, Thrapston (8), Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Usual arrangements. Names for tea by Jan. 29th. — W. R. Butcher, Brigstock, near Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSN.—Lancaster Branch. — Morecambe Parish Church, Feb. 2nd, 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to H. Parkinson, 76, Lancaster Road, Morecambe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSN.—Bristol City Branch.—St. Stephen's (10), Feb. 2nd, 3 p.m. Tea and meeting, St. Peter's Parish Hall, 5 p.m. Meeting date 1st Saturday, as from above.

GUILDFORD GUILD. — Leatherhead District. — Annual, Leatherhead, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea, 4.45, at the Duke's Head. Numbers to G. Marriner, 7, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead, by Feb. 6th.

SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—Annual, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Saturday, Feb. 9th, 6 p.m. Bells 3.30. Tea 5.15. Numbers by Feb. 4th.—G. W. Steere, 46, Milton Avenue, Sutton, Surrey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSN.—General meeting Feb. 9th, Nottingham. St. Mary's bells (10) 2.30 to 4.30. St. Peter's (10) after meeting. Committee 3 p.m., St. Peter's Vestry. Tea and business 4.30. Notify T. Groombridge, 74, Dornoch Avenue, Sherwood, Nottingham, by Feb. 5th. — Ernest Morris, 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

EAST GRINSTEAD GUILD. — Annual, East Grinstead, Feb. 9th, 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Names by Feb. 7th to Miss K. Shepherd, 34, Cantelupe Road, East Grinstead.—C. A. Bassett.

SUSSEX ASSN.—Eastern Division.—Annual, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Feb. 9th, 2.30 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. Notify by Feb. 4th.—John Downing, 128, Elphinstone Road, Hastings.

LONDON COUNTY ASSN.—Annual general, Saturday, Feb. 9th, St. James', Clerkenwell, 2.30. Service 4.30. Business and handbell contest in Church Hall 6 p.m.—H. W. Rogers, 14, The Grove, Isleworth. HOU. 3921.

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